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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

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BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED...A BOLD MOVE IN THE CAR RENTAL BUSINESS. AVIS IS BUYING ZIPCAR. ZIPCAR IS THE CAR-SHARING COMPANY THAT'S POPULAR FOR CITY DWELLERS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS. AVIS IS BUYING ZIPCAR FOR NEARLY HALF A BILLION DOLLARS. ZIPCAR PARKS CARS IN CITIES AND ON CAMPUSES FOR PICK UP -- EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR A FEW HOURS. PEOPLE CAN RESERVE TIME SLOTS ONLINE OR THROUGH MOBILE APPS. ZIPCAR HAS MORE THAN 760-THOUSAND MEMBERS AND IS THE LARGEST CAR-SHARING NETWORK IN THE WORLD. THE PURCHASE SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY SPRING. AVIS PLANS TO EXPAND ZIPCAR'S FLEET, AND ADD MORE CAR PICK-UP LOCATIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/11/13 REPORTED...UP TO TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO CROWD INTO THE CROSSROADS OF THE WEST GUN SHOW AT THE COW PALACE IN DALY CITY THIS WEEKEND, AND THEY CAN EXPECT PROTESTERS TO GREET THEM. THIS WEEKEND'S SHOW INCLUDES MORE THAN 150 VENDORS SELLING EVERYTHING FROM GUNS AND AMMUNITION, TO KNIVES AND JEWELRY. CROSSROADS OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THAT IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS ATTENDANCE AT THEIR SHOWS HAS ROUGHLY DOUBLED. THEY ATTRIBUTE THE INCREASE TO CONCERN THAT CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT ARE ABOUT TO APPROVE STRICTER GUN LAWS. THE GUN SHOW'S OWNER ... BOB TEMPLETON ... WAS ONE OF THOSE DISCUSSING THE NEW PROPOSALS WITH VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN THIS WEEK. CONGRESSMAN MIKE THOMPSON OF NAPA IS GOING TO CHAIR A CONGRESSIONAL GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE WHICH WILL BE MEETING ON MONDAY. IT'S EXPECTED THEY'LL BEGIN CONSIDERING A NEW FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN AND OTHER CHANGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/13 REPORTED...WHAT DOES THE MAN WHO ALREADY OWNS AN ISLAND GET???? WELL -- AN AIRLINE OF COURSE. ORACLE C-E-O, LARRY ELLISON, WHO BOUGHT THE HAWAIIAN ISLAND OF LANAI LAST YEAR, IS GETTING A SMALL AIRLINE TO GO WITH IT. A HAWAII NEWSPAPER REPORTS ELLISON IS FINALIZING A DEAL TO BUY *ISLAND AIR*. IT'S A TURBOPROP-CARRIER WHICH TYPICALLY FLIES FIVE-FLIGHTS A DAY TO LANAI-- FROM OTHER HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. THE AIRLINE IS WHAT VISITORS USE TO GET TO THE TWO LUXURY RESORTS ON HIS ISLAND. ELLISON HAS SAID HE WANTS THE ISLAND TO BE A LABORATORY FOR SUSTAINABILITY -- WITH SOLAR POWER, ELECTRIC CARS AND ORGANIC FARMS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/21/13 REPORTED...THE UNION REPRESENTING STATE ENGINEERS IS QUESTIONING WHETHER THERE'S ENOUGH OVERSIGHT ON CALIFORNIA'S PLANNED 'HIGH-SPEED-RAIL LINE.' PLANS FOR THE FIRST 30-MILE SEGMENT CALL FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO DESIGN AND BUILD THE PROJECT, AS WELL AS HIRE THE INSPECTORS WHO TEST IT. THE LEADER OF THE GROUP REPRESENTING STATE ENGINEERS SAYS HIGH-SPEED RAIL NEEDS *INDEPENDENT* INSPECTORS ON-SITE TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS DONE JUST

RIGHT. THE C-E-O FOR THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY SAYS THERE WILL BE MANY LEVELS OF INSPECTIONS, AND THAT THE CONTRACTOR CAN CONSULT CAL-TRANS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/23/13 REPORTED...THE CALIFORNIA FORECLOSURES HIT A SIX-YEAR LOW. A REAL ESTATE REACH FIRM SAYS CALIFORNIA HOME FORECLOSURES HAVE FALLEN. DEFAULT NOTICES ARE THE FIRST STEP IN THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. TODAY DEFAULT NOTICES ARE DOWN 38 PERCENT FROM WHAT THEY WERE DURING THE SAME TIME IN 2011.THAT'S THE LOWEST NUMBER SINCE 2006. AN IMPROVING ECONOMY AND SHORT SALES -- WHEN THE SALE PRICES IS LESS THAN WHAT IS OWED ON THE PROPERTY ARE TO THANK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/24/13 REPORTED... DOZENS OF SAN FRANCISCO RESTAURANTS COULD BE IN HOT WATER FOR FAILING TO SPEND CUSTOMER SURCHARGES ON EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE. UNDER A 2008 SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH PROGRAM BUSINESSES WERE SUPPOSED TO SET ASIDE UP TO 3 DOLLARS AN HOUR PER WORKER FOR HEALTH CARE COSTS. MANY RESTAURANTS CHARGED CUSTOMERS A FEW EXTRA DOLLARS TO PAY FOR THE PROGRAM. BUT THE CITY ATTORNEY SAYS ONLY ABOUT A THIRD OF THE 14-MILLION DOLLARS COLLECTED WENT TO PAYING FOR THE PROGRAM. THE OFFENDING UN-NAMED RESTAURANTS HAVE UNTIL APRIL 10TH TO COMPLY OR FACE CONSUMER FRAUD LAWSUITS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/13 REPORTED... THE STATE OF THE CITY -- IS PRETTY GOOD. THAT'S THE MESSAGE MAYOR ED LEE DELIVERED TODAY. HE SPOKE BEFORE A LARGE CROWD AT COLLEGE TRACK IN THE BAYVIEW. COLLEGE-TRACK IS AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT HELPS STUDENTS FROM UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES REACH THEIR GOALS. LEE SAID OVER THE PAST YEAR UNEMPLOYMENT HAS DROPPED TO 6-POINT-5 PERCENT, THAT'S DOWN FROM 9-POINT-6 PERCENT WHEN HE FIRST TOOK OFFICE. HE SAID THERE ARE MORE JOBS IN CONSTRUCTION AND GREEN TECHNOLOGY...AND SAN FRANCISCO REMAINS A TOP TOURIST DESTINATION. HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE CITY'S POINTS OF PRIDE. A NEW CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL, THE AMERICA'S CUP. THE GIANTS. AND THE 49ERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/30/13 REPORTED... NO MORE MOONLIGHTING? GOVERNOR BROWN WANTS TO STOP A CONTROVERSIAL PRACTICE THAT ALLOWS FULL TIME STATE EMPLOYEES TO MOONLIGHT FOR THEIR DEPARTMENTS AT AN HOURLY WAGE. THE SACRAMENTO BEE REPORTS THAT HUNDREDS OF NON UNION EMPLOYEES HELD MORE THAN ONE STATE POSITION. THESE WORKERS INCLUDED SALARIED MANAGERS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR OVERTIME. CALPERS HAS RECENTLY COME UNDER FIRE FOR PAYING HOURLY WAGES TO SALARIED EMPLOYEES FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMPUTER WORK. THE STATE'S HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT SAYS NO NEW APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED UNTIL AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE PRACTICE IS COMPLETE.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/1/13 REPORTED...IT WAS A RECORD NO ONE WANTED TO BREAK. BUT THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF GAS IN CALIFORNIA SET AN ALL TIME RECORD LAST YEAR. "TRIPLE A" SAYS IN 20-12, THE AVERAGE COST OF A GALLON OF GAS IN CALIFORNIA WAS MORE THAN 4-DOLLARS AND TWO CENTS. THAT'S MORE THAN 21 CENTS HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS RECORD, SET IN 20-11. THE **NATIONAL** AVERAGE LAST YEAR WAS JUST OVER 3 DOLLARS AND 60 CENTS A GALLON. ANALYSTS SAY HIGHER FOREIGN OIL COSTS, THE STATE'S CLEAN AIR RULES AND SEVERAL REFINERY FIRES ARE TO BLAME FOR THE RECORD PRICES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED...NOT A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR CAB DRIVERS IN SAN FRANCISCO....AFTER MORE THAN 17-HUNDRED COMPLAINTS AGAINST THEM WERE MADE PUBLIC. ALL THOSE COMPLAINTS WERE CALLED INTO SAN

FRANCISCO'S 3-1-1 LINE BETWEEN JULY 20-11 AND JUNE 20-12. THEY INCLUDE REPORTS OF DRIVERS REFUSING TO PICK UP RIDERS, TEXTING WHILE DRIVING, FALLING ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL AND EVEN HAVING BED BUGS IN THEIR CABS. A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAYS THEY TRY TO INVESTIGATE EVERY COMPLAINT - BUT THEY'RE WORKING WITH LIMITED STAFF. TAXI OWNERS SAY THE COMPLAINTS REPRESENT A SMALL SHARE OF TAXI RIDES IN SAN FRANCISCO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/13 REPORTED...AN IMPORTANT NOTE FOR MANY PARENTS. TODAY TOY COMPANY FISHER-PRICE RECALLED ITS' ROCK N' PLAY SLEEPER. HERE IT IS: THIS INFANT SLEEPER WAS RECALLED BECAUSE OF A RISK OF MOLD DEVELOPING BETWEEN THE REMOVABLE SEAT CUSHION AND THE HARD PLASTIC FRAME. THE U-S CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION SAYS MOLD HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH INFECTIONS AND RESPIRATORY ILLNESS. FISHER PRICE HAS RECEIVED 600 REPORTS OF MOLD ON THE SLEEPER. 16 PEOPLE SAID THEIR BABIES WERE TREATED FOR RESPIRATORY ISSUES, COUGHS, AND HIVES AFTER USING THE PRODUCT. ANYONE WHO BOUGHT THE PRODUCT IS ASKED TO INSPECT IT IMMEDIATELY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/9/13 REPORTED...A MAJOR U.S. COMPANY IS ISSUING A VOLUNTARY RECALL OF ITS CHICKEN JERKY DOG TREATS. NESTLE SAYS IT IS PULLING "WAGGIN TRAIN" AND "CANYON CREEK RANCH" TREATS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THIS COMES AFTER AN NBC BAY AREA INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT LAST SUMMER THAT EXPOSED THOUSANDS OF COMPLAINTS TO THE FDA FROM PETOWNERS WHO SAID THE CHICKEN JERKY TREATS MADE THEIR DOGS SICK. NESTLE SAYS THE VOLUNTARY RECALL HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SAFETY OF THE TREATS. IT SAYS THE NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOUND TRACES OF ANTIBIOTICS IN SAMPLES OF THE PRODUCTS THAT'S NOT APPROVED IN THE U-S. NESTLE SAYS THE AMOUNT FOUND IS NOT A HEALTH RISK TO PETS BUT FOR NOW ANYONE WITH THE JERKY TREATS CAN RETURN THE PRODUCTS FOR A REFUND. THE FDA'S INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT HAS SICKENED AND KILLED HUNDREDS OF PETS IS ONGOING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/11/13 REPORTED...FROM YOUR GADGETS TO YOUR WALLETS, NOW, AND A NEW POLICY TO HELP 'PROTECT' NEW HOMEOWNERS THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY 'HURT' SOME BAY AREA RESIDENTS. THE NEW PLAN SAYS YOUR MORTGAGE PAYMENT CANNOT BE MORE THAN 43 PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY GROSS INCOME. SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA, BUT HERE IN THE BAY AREA, BECAUSE OF THE HIGH HOME PRICES, IT COULD LEAVE SOME POTENTIAL HOME BUYERS - EVEN HIGH-INCOME HOMEBUYERS - OUT OF LUCK. THE JUST ANNOUNCED POLICY GOES INTO EFFECT NEXT YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/13 REPORTED...THE CONTROVERSIAL BODY SCANNERS THAT SHOW A NAKED IMAGE OF TRAVELERS WILL BE REMOVED FROM AIRPORTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY -- BY JUNE. CONGRESS MANDATED THE X-RAY SCANNERS THAT PRODUCE A VERY DETAILED IMAGE BE CHANGED, OR REMOVED. THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION HAS CONFIRMED THAT IT IS GETTING RID OF THE MACHINES BECAUSE THE COMPANY THAT MAKES THEM COULDN'T COME UP WITH A FIX. TRAVELERS WILL STILL BE ASKED TO GET A BODY SCAN THAT CREATES A GENERIC IMAGE. IN THE BAY AREA, S-F-O NEVER INSTALLED THIS PARTICULAR MACHINE. OAKLAND'S FIVE SCANNER'S AND THE EIGHT THAT ARE IN OPERATION IN SAN JOSE ARE EXPECTED TO BE REMOVED BEFORE THE JUNE DEADLINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/21/13 REPORTED... SOUTHWEST AIRLINES WANTS TO BUY YOU A DRINK-- IF YOU WERE ONE OF ITS *BUSINESS SELECT* PASSENGERS IN 2010. THE AIRLINE HAS LONG AWARDED FREE DRINK VOUCHERS FOR ITS BEST CUSTOMERS, BUT IN AUGUST OF 2010, DECIDED THEY WOULD BE GOOD ONLY ON THE DAY OF THE FLIGHT. AN ILLINOIS MAN WHO WAS STUCK WITH 45-COUPONS SUED-- AND THE RESULT WAS A SETTLEMENT. SOUTHWEST HAS AGREED TO ISSUE REPLACEMENT VOUCHERS, GOOD FOR ONE YEAR, TO CUSTOMERS WHO PRODUCE EXPIRED COUPONS. EXPERTS IN CLASS ACTION LAW

SAY WHILE CUSTOMERS GET FIVE-DOLLAR DRINK TICKETS, THE LAWYERS WHO REPRESENTED THEM COULD GET A PAY-DAY OF UP TO SEVEN-MILLION DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/13 REPORTED... NON-STOP TO TOKYO ON HOLD IN SAN JOSE. ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS CANCELLED MORE OF ITS TROUBLED DREAMLINER FLIGHTS. FLIGHTS FROM SAN JOSE TO JAPAN ARE NOW CANCELLED THROUGH JANUARY 28TH -- AND THE AIRLINE SAYS MORE CANCELLATIONS ARE POSSIBLE. THE F-A-A GROUNDED EVERY BOEING 787 DREAMLINER LAST WEEK, AFTER A STRING OF PROBLEMS, INCLUDING FUEL LEAKS AND BATTERY FIRES. A-N-A IS RE-BOOKING PASSENGERS ON BOTH A-N-A AND OTHER AIRLINES THROUGH OTHER WEST COAST AIRPORTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/13 REPORTED... TONIGHT THE CONSUMER WATCHDOG GROUP 'TURN' IS CALLING ON THE STATE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REVERSE A KEY RULING REGARDING THE SAN BRUNO PIPELINE EXPLOSION. THE ACTIVISTS ARE DEMANDING THE AGENCY STOP P-G-AND-E FROM CHARGING CUSTOMERS TO REPLACE FAULTY, AND DANGEROUS PIPELINES. 'TURN' INSISTS THAT AFTER INVESTIGATORS FOUND POOR SAFETY PRACTICES AND SHODDY RECORD-KEEPING PRIOR TO THE 2010 SAN BRUNO EXPLOSION, P-G-AND-E HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY FOR ITS OWN MISTAKES P-G-AND-E HAS TO REPLACE SOME 50-MILES OF PIPELINES, AND *TURN* SAYS THE UTILITY IS USING RATE-HIKES TO RAISE 214-MILLION DOLLARS -- NEARLY HALF THE TOTAL BILL. *TURN* ALSO WANTS THE P-U-C TO MANDATE TESTING OF EXISTING PIPES BEFORE ANY RATE-HIKES CAN BE APPLIED.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED... WE'RE GETTING MORE INFORMATION TONIGHT ABOUT A NAKED MAN WHO USED AN ASSAULT RIFLE AND SAMURAI SWORD TO KEEP SAN JOSE POLICE AT BAY FOR HOURS. POLICE SAY 29- YEAR OLD "COCO BENNETT" IS NOW FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES AND WILL UNDERGO A MENTAL EVALUATION...AFTER THE STANDOFF YESTERDAY MORNING. WHEN POLICE REPOSNDDED TO A CALL -- AND TRACKED BENNETT DOWN...HE STRIPPED NAKED, PULLED OUT THE SWORD, AND SHOUTED, QUOTE "YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME". THE SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED IN ITS CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM. THREE HOURS LATER THEY WERE FINALLY ABLE TO SAFELY TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED... FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW -- TO NORTH KOREA. GOOGLE'S EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN IS MAKING A PRIVATE TRIP OVERSEAS. ERIC SCHMIDT IS TRAVELING TO NORTH KOREA -- WITH FORMER NEW MEXICO GOVERNOR, BILL RICHARDSON. ITS' DESCRIBED IT AS A "HUMANITARIAN" TRIP. IT'S NOT KNOWN WITH WHOM THE MEN WILL MEET, OR WHETHER THEY'LL BE TALKING ABOUT KOREAN AMERICANS WHO ARE IMPRISONED THERE. THE INTERNET COULD ALSO BE A KEY TOPIC, SINCE SCHMIDT IS A STRONG ADVOCATE, AND NORTH KOREA IS TECHNICALLY ISOLATED, ALLOWING ITS CITIZENS ACCESS ONLY TO A DOMESTIC INTRANET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED... SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON IS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL. SHE WAS SEEN LEAVING A BUILDING A NEW YORK CITY MEDICAL CENTER, ACCOMPANIED BY HER HUSBAND, FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, AND DAUGHTER CHELSEA. HER LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE WAS DECEMBER 7TH WHEN SHE WAS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. SHE SUFFERED FROM A BLOOD CLOT IN HER HEAD WHICH LIKELY DEVELOPED AFTER SHE FAINTED AND GOT A CONCUSSION LAST MONTH. THE 65 YEAR-OLD CLINTON HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HER STAFF VIA PHONE, AND HER MEDICAL TEAM EXPECTS HER TO MAKE A FULL RECOVERY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/13 REPORTED... TONIGHT, WE ARE AWAITING AUTOPSY RESULTS OF A PETALUMA TEENAGER FOUND DEAD IN A SNOW BANK IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, LAST WEEK. POLICE SAY ALYSSA BYRNE GOT LOST ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, AFTER LEAVING THE SNOW GLOBE MUSIC FESTIVAL. AT SOME POINT, SHE APPARENTLY TOOK OFF HER JACKET WHILE WALKING. IT WAS COLDER THAN 10 DEGREES THAT NIGHT. DEPUTIES ARE REPORTEDLY INVESTIGATING IF ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR HYPOTHERMIA CAUSED HER TO BECOME DISORIENTED. A UTILITY WORKER FOUND BYRNE'S BODY ON THE SIDE OF A ROAD, 4 DAYS AFTER SHE DISAPPEARED. INVESTIGATORS DO NOT SUSPECT FOUL PLAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/13 REPORTED... OPRAH WINFREY WASTED NO TIME GETTING TO CYCLIST LANCE ARMSTRONG'S CONFESSION IN AN INTERVIEW THAT AIRED LAST NIGHT. THE CONFESSION MADE A BIG IMPACT ON THE C-E-O OF "LIVESTRONG," THE CANCER-AWARENESS FOUNDATION CO-FOUNDED BY ARMSTRONG. A LONGTIME FRIEND OF ARMSTRONG'S, HE HELPED FOUND THE ORGANIZATION BACK IN 1997. HE BELIEVED ARMSTRONG'S DOPING DENIALS UNTIL THE U.S. ANTI-DOPING AGENCY RELEASED ITS ONE-THOUSAND PAGE REPORT IN OCTOBER. HE SAYS THE INTERVIEW WAS VERY HARD TO WATCH, BUT HE'S ALSO HOPEFUL...HE ADDED THAT WHILE HE KNOWS THERE ARE CHALLENGES AHEAD, THE MISSION IS TOO IMPORTANT NOT TO OVERCOME THE SCANDAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/21/13 REPORTED... TENSE MOMENTS FOR A SURFER STRANDED OFF OCEAN BEACH TODAY -- AND IT WAS ALL CAUGHT ON CAMERA. THE SURFER GOT STUCK ON A ROCK NEAR THE CLIFF HOUSE RESTAURANT AROUND 11:30 THIS MORNING. YOU CAN SEE HE CLIMBED UP SEVERAL FEET, AWAY FROM THE POUNDING SURF BELOW, TO WAIT FOR HELP. THE COAST GUARD CAME TO THE RESCUE. TWO SWIMMERS PADDLED OUT TO THE ROCK, AND THEN THE SURFER CLIMBED DOWN AND AFTER A LONG PAUSE, JUMPED. THE THREE PADDLED THROUGH ROUGH SURF OUT TO CALMER WATERS, WHERE A POLICE DEPARTMENT BOAT PICKED THEM UP AND CARRIED THEM TO SAFETY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/24/13 REPORTED... ALL IT TOOK WAS NINE HOURS ... TO CHANGE THE LIFE OF AN EAST BAY VETERAN. AND WHAT A DIFFERENCE. 80- VOLUNTEERS FROM THE *HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION* CONVERGED ON THE PITTSBURG HOME OF 29-YEAR OLD. HE AND HIS WIFE BOUGHT THEIR DREAM HOME THREE-YEARS AGO WITH PLANS TO FIX IT UP-- BUT A BULLET LEFT HIM UNABLE TO DO THE RENOVATION. TODAY THEIR "MUDDY MESS" WAS TRANSFORMED-- WITH A PAVED PATIO, A FIRE-PIT, AND A PERGOLA FOR SHADE. PLUS ARTIFICIAL GRASS, WHICH IS LOW MAINTENANCE AND WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY. SHAWN AND HIS WIFE ARE PLANNING TO CELEBRATE THEIR NEW YARD WITH A HUGE SUPER-BOWL PARTY FOR HIS EXTENDED FAMILY---- AND TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS ARE INVITED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/13 REPORTED... A SO-CALLED *SNEAKER WAVE* IS NOW BEING BLAMED FOR SWEEPING A WOMAN OUT TO SEA IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY -- ITS THE THIRD TIME THIS YEAR, SHE AND A FRIEND WERE ON THE BEACH AT SHELTER COVE, 90 MILES SOUTH OF EUREKA YESTERDAY, WHEN A LARGE WAVE SWEEPED HER INTO THE OCEAN. THE BODY OF THE 32-YEAR OLD WOMAN WAS FOUND AFTER A 45-MINUTE SEARCH. HER DOG WAS ALSO SWEEPED AWAY, BUT MANAGED TO SWIM BACK TO SHORE. BEACH VISITORS ARE WARNED TO BE CAREFUL OF LARGE WAVES. A MAN WAS KILLED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY NEAR POINT REYES WHEN A ROGUE WAVE CAUGHT HIS DOG AND HE WENT IN TO RESCUE IT. AND IN NOVEMBER, NEAR ARCATA, A COUPLE DROWNED AND THEIR TEENAGED SON DISAPPEARED WHILE TRYING TO SAVE THEIR DOG WHEN IT WAS PULLED INTO THE OCEAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/29/13 REPORTED... ONE FAMILY FOLLOWING THE FOLLOWING THE NEWS ABOUT THE BOY SCOUTS' POLICY ON GAY MEMBERS IS THE EAST BAY FAMILY OF RYAN ANDRESEN. HE'S THE OPENLY GAY SCOUT FROM MORAGA WHO WAS DENIED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, AFTER COMPLETING ALL THE REQUIREMENTS. HIS STORY WENT VIRAL, GETTING NATIONWIDE EXPOSURE WHEN RYAN WENT ON THE ELLEN DEGENERES SHOW. NOW, JUST THREE-MONTHS AFTER HIS PARENTS SUPPORTED HIM WITH AN ONLINE PETITION, THE BOY SCOUTS ANNOUNCED IT'S RE-EVALUATING ITS POLICY BANNING

GAY SCOUTS AND LEADERS. AS FOR RYAN, HE'S A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUSY FILLING-OUT HIS APPLICATIONS FOR COLLEGE. THE SCOUTS SAY THEY'RE CONSIDERING LETTING EACH TROOP DECIDE INDIVIDUALLY WHETHER TO ALLOW GAY SCOUTS-- RYAN'S FAMILY CALLS IT A "BABY STEP" IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/1/13 REPORTED...NOW TO NEW DETAILS ABOUT A HOME INVASION MURDER IN MONTE SERENO. TONIGHT, WE'VE LEARNED FORMER ASSOCIATES OF MURDERED MILLIONAIRE BUSINESSMAN "RAVI KUMRA", ONCE TOOK HIM TO COURT OVER QUESTIONABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES. THE SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS REPORTS THAT THE MEN FILED A LAWSUIT DURING KUMRA'S DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS IN 2006. THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO RECOVER MONEY, THEY SAY, HE OWED THEM. IN COURT DOCUMENTS, THEY DESCRIBED KUMRA AS A TROUBLED ALCOHOLIC WHO USED A SHAM DIVORCE TO HIDE MONEY FROM CREDITORS. THEY ALSO TESTIFIED THAT HE MIS-USED FUNDS, INSTEAD SPENDING IT ON PROSTITUTES AND MISTRESSES. THE LAWSUIT WAS EVENTUALLY DROPPED. POLICE HAVE ARRESTED THREE MEN AND 22-YEAR-OLD RAVEN DIXON, WHO THEY SAY IS A PROSTITUTE, IN CONNECTION WITH KUMRA'S DEATH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/1/13 REPORTED...A VIOLENT NEW YEAR'S EVE IN SACRAMENTO, AFTER SHOTS WERE FIRED IN A BAR, LEAVING TWO PEOPLE DEAD. INVESTIGATORS SAY IT BEGAN WITH A FIGHT THAT BROKE OUT JUST AFTER 9:30 -- AT THE "SPORTS CORNER CAFE". WHEN AN EMPLOYEE TRIED TO BREAK IT UP, A MAN PULLED OUT A GUN AND OPENED FIRE. THREE PEOPLE WERE HIT. TWO OF THEM WERE PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE, INCLUDING THE EMPLOYEE. POLICE THEN SAY AN ARMED SECURITY GUARD CONFRONTED THE SUSPECT AND MORE SHOTS WERE FIRED. BOTH OF THEM SUFFERED GUNSHOT WOUNDS, BUT ARE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. POLICE SAY THE 22-YEAR-OLD SUSPECT TRIED TO RUN AWAY, BUT WAS CAPTURED IMMEDIATELY. HIS IDENTITY HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED...SAN FRANCISCO POLICE TODAY IDENTIFIED THE DRIVER ACCUSED KILLING TWO PEOPLE AND DAMAGING A LIQUOR STORE WHILE RACING AWAY FROM OFFICERS. POLICE SAY 19 YEAR OLD DAVID MORALES IS A SUSPECTED GANG MEMBER. THEY SAY HE'LL BE CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF MURDER AND THREE COUNTS OF ATTEMPTED MURDER, ALONG WITH SEVERAL LESSER CHARGES. INVESTIGATORS SAY HE FIRED A GUN AT THREE PEDESTRIANS BEFORE CRASHING HIS CAR INTO ANOTHER VEHICLE ON SOUTH VAN NESS AVENUE. THAT CAR HIT A PEDESTRIAN BEFORE CAREENING INTO A LIQUOR STORE. A WOMAN INSIDE THE CAR WAS KILLED-- SHE'S STILL UNIDENTIFIED. THE OTHER FATALITY WAS 26-YEAR-OLD FRANCISCO GUTIERREZ, WHO WAS WALKING INTO THE STORE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/3/13 REPORTED...OVERSEAS IN INDIA ...THE MEN ACCUSED OF GANG-RAPING AND BRUTALLY ASSAULTING A YOUNG MEDICAL STUDENT, WHO DIED FROM HER INJURIES, WERE FORMALLY CHARGED IN COURT TODAY. 5 MEN FACE RAPE AND MURDER CHARGES AND COULD GET THE DEATH PENALTY. A SIXTH SUSPECT, BELIEVED TO BE A JUVENILE, WILL BE TRIED IN JUVENILE COURT. THE 23 YEAR OLD VICTIM AND A MALE COMPANION WERE ASSAULTED WHILE RIDING A BUS LAST MONTH IN NEW DEHLI. THE YOUNG WOMAN DIED LATER AT THE HOSPITAL FROM MASSIVE INTERNAL INJURIES. REPORTS SAY THE BUS DRIVER IS ONE OF THE MEN CHARGED WITH THE MURDER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/9/13 REPORTED... ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPUTIES CONDUCTING ROUTINE PROBATION CHECKS GOT A BIG SURPRISE WHEN THEY WALKED INTO A HOUSE NEAR THE CORNER OF MOUNT JASPER AND MOUNT OLYMPUS DRIVES IN CASTRO VALLEY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, COMING FACE TO FACE WITH "MISTER TEETH". THAT'S THE NAME OF THIS GUY, A FIVE-FOOT LONG CAIMAN ALLIGATOR THAT WAS IN A PLEXIGLASS TANK IN THE BEDROOM. IT WAS APPARENTLY GUARDING 34 POUNDS OF DRIED MARIJUANA. THE MAN ON PROBATION IS 32-YEAR-OLD ASSIF MAYAR, WHO TOLD DEPUTIES HE'S

HAD MR. TEETH FOR 16 YEARS. THE ALLIGATOR WAS TAKEN TO OAKLAND ZOO BY ANIMAL CONTROL. ZOO OFFICIALS SAY IT'S UNDER QUARANTINE AND VERY SICK. MEANTIME, MAYAR, WHO'S BEEN ON PROBATION FOR LESS THAN A YEAR FOR "DISTURBING THE PEACE" WAS BOOKED INTO SANTA RITA JAIL IN DUBLIN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/13 REPORTED... THERE IS YET ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE SAN FRANCISCO SHERIFF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SAGA. SHERIFF ROSS MIRKARIMI AND HIS WIFE, ELIANA LOPEZ, ARE NOW BEING SUED FOR DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER BY "IVORY MADISON" AND HER HUSBAND. MADISON IS THE NEIGHBOR, WHO VIDEOTAPED A TEARFUL LOPEZ, FOLLOWING A NEW YEAR'S EVE CONFRONTATION WITH MIRKARIMI. THAT TAPE WAS A CENTRAL PART OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE AGAINST THE SHERIFF. THE DEFAMATION SUIT CLAIMS MIRKARIMI AND LOPEZ FALSELY ACCUSED MADISON AND HER HUSBAND OF CONSPIRACY, PRACTICING LAW WITHOUT A LICENSE, AND LYING TO POLICE. TONIGHT, LOPEZ'S ATTORNEY TOLD US THE SUIT WAS DISAPPOINTING, AND SHE THOUGHT EVERYONE WAS READY TO MOVE ON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/13 REPORTED... THE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF BURGLARIZING STEVE JOBS' HOME LAST YEAR WAS SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON TODAY. 35-YEAR-OLD "KARIEM MCFARLIN" WAS ARRESTED IN AUGUST OF 20-12 FOR BREAKING INTO THE LATE APPLE CO-FOUNDER'S HOUSE ON WAVERLEY STREET IN PALO ALTO. HE PLEADED NO CONTEST TO STEALING AT LEAST TWO COMPUTERS, AN IPAD, JEWELRY, JOBS' WALLET AND DRIVERS' LICENSE, AND OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS. THE FORMER SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL PLAYER ALSO PLEADED NO CONTEST TO FOUR OTHER BAY AREA BURGLARIES. IN ADDITION TO HIS PRISON SENTENCE, HE'S BEEN ORDERED TO PAY RESTITUTION TO ALL HIS VICTIMS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/21/13 REPORTED... A MAN WAS KILLED AND HIS COUSIN WOUNDED EARLY THIS MORNING IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED ON THE 11-HUNDRED BLOCK OF NAPLES STREET IN THE CROCKER AMAZON NEIGHBORHOOD. THE VICTIM, 43-YEAR-OLD DANIEL COLON, LIVED ON THE CORNER. HIS COUSIN... 34-YEAR-OLD ANDREW COLON... WAS SHOT IN THE CHEST BUT IS EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. POLICE SAY NO ARREST HAS BEEN MADE. THE TWO MEN WERE OUT CELEBRATING THE 49ER WIN ON SUNDAY. NEIGHBORS SAY THEY HEARD FOUR SHOTS FIRED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/21/13 REPORTED... THE FAMILIES OF TENS OF THOUSANDS PATIENTS ARE BEING NOTIFIED TONIGHT THAT THEIR MEDICAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN COMPROMISED BECAUSE OF A COMPUTER THEFT. ADMINISTRATORS AT LUCILE PACKARD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY REPORT A LAPTOP WAS STOLEN FROM A DOCTOR'S CAR ON JANUARY NINTH. THE MEDICAL INFORMATION ON THE COMPUTER WAS MOSTLY HISTORIC AND RELATED TO PAST CARE AND RESEARCH, AND DID NOT INCLUDE FINANCIAL INFORMATION. STILL, THE HOSPITAL AND STANFORD'S SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ARE NOTIFYING 57 THOUSAND PATIENTS. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS ANY PATIENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN ACCESSED SINCE THE THEFT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/13 REPORTED... HOW DID THEIVES STILL NEARLY A DOZEN LUXURY CARS? TONIGHT - SUVEILLANCE VIDEO IS REVEALING HOW THE HIEST WENT DOWN IT'S A FOLLOW UP TO A STORY WE BROKE LAST NIGHT AT SIX. AT LEAST THREE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS CAPTURED SEVERAL PEOPLE AS THEY BROKE INTO "AUTO WORLD" YESTERDAY ... DRIVING OFF WITH ABOUT A DOZEN CARS, INCLUDING B.M.W.'S - JAGUARS - AND MERCEDES. IT TOOK JUST SECONDS FOR THE THIEVES TO BREAK INTO THE OFFICE AND STEAL THE KEYS. A FEW MINUTES LATER THEY WERE DRIVING OFF THE LOT WITH THE HIGH-END CARS. SO FAR - JUST ONE CAR HAS BEEN RECOVERED. POLICE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT SURVEILLANCE VIDEO FROM NEARBY BUSINESSES IN HOPES OF IDENTIFYING THE SUSPECTS.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/1/13 REPORTED...MARYLAND IS THE LATEST STATE TO START PERFORMING GAY MARRIAGES. AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT, A NEW LAW WENT INTO EFFECT THAT ALLOWED SAME SEX MARRIAGES IN MARYLAND FOR THE FIRST TIME. SEVERAL COUPLES LINED UP TO GET MARRIED, AS SOON AS IT BECAME LEGAL. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE SAY TODAY'S HISTORIC NUPTIALS ARE LONG OVERDUE. MARYLAND'S SAME SEX MARRIAGE REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT WAS HOTLY DEBATED, BUT ULTIMATELY PASSED. THE SUPREME COURT WILL CONSIDER A CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE THIS SPRING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED...A NEW YEAR MEANS A CONTROVERSIAL NEW PROGRAM IS COMING TO OAKLAND. THE CITY EXPECTS TO ISSUE ABOUT 6-THOUSAND OF ITS NEW CITY I-D CARDS THIS YEAR...INCLUDING CARDS FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS. THE CARD PROGRAM WILL ROLL-OUT FEBRUARY FIRST. SEVERAL CITIES HAVE SIMILAR CARDS, BUT OAKLAND WILL BE THE FIRST TO TIE IT TO BANKING-- SO NO MATTER THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS, CARD-HOLDERS CAN USE THE I-D AS A DEBIT CARD. OFFICIALS SAY THAT WILL REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CASH UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS WOULD NEED TO CARRY AND THEIR DEPENDANCE ON EXPENSIVE CHECK-CASHING SERVICES. THE CARDS WILL COST 15-DOLLARS FOR ADULTS. MINORS AND SENIORS WILL PAY LESS. THE CARD ALSO DOES NOT IDENTIFY CARD-HOLDERS BY GENDER; SOMETHING THAT WAS REQUESTED BY THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED...THE NEW YEAR BRINGS A CHANGE TO IMMIGRATION LAWS. STARTING ON MARCH 4TH, IMMIGRANT FAMILIES WON'T HAVE TO BE SEPARATED FOR MONTHS WHILE MEMBERS APPLY FOR PERMANENT U-S RESIDENCY. PREVIOUSLY, THOSE APPLICATIONS HAD TO BE MADE FROM THEIR NATIVE COUNTRIES, RESULTING IN A LONG WAIT WHILE THEIR REQUEST WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS SAY MANY OF THEIR CLIENTS NEVER EVEN SOUGHT PERMANENT RESIDENCY, OUT OF FEAR THEY WOULD BE DENIED, AND COULDN'T COME BACK INTO THE COUNTRY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/3/13 REPORTED...TODAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL FIR A NEW BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THE HOMELESS. THE BILL, INTRODUCED BY THE BAY AREA'S TOM AMIANO, CALLS FOR THE HOMELESS TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO MOVE FREELY AND REST IN PUBLIC SPACES, AND THE RIGHT TO USE PUBLIC RESTROOMS AND USE VEHICLES AS SHELTER. THE BILL WOULD ALSO REQUIRE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR PEOPLE CITED FOR VIOLATING SO-CALLED VAGRENCY AND LOITERING LAWS. SUPPORTERS SAY HOMELESS PEOPLE FACE A LOT OF DISCRIMINATION. SUPPORTERS SAY THE HOMELESS GET STUCK IN A VICIOUS CYCLE WHEN THEY'RE FORCED TO MOVE FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/3/13 REPORTED...THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DAY-THREE OF CALIFORNIA'S HISTORIC NEW LAW BANNING SO-CALLED *CONVERSION THERAPY* FOR MINORS-- THAT'S THERAPY THAT SOME SAY CAN "CONVERT" THE CHILDREN FROM GAY TO STRAIGHT. BUT, THE LAW HASN'T TAKEN EFFECT...BECAUSE LAST MONTH A FEDERAL JUDGE TEMPORARILY BLOCKED IT, CITING FIRST AMENDMENT CONCERNS. HOPING TO GET THE LAW BACK ON TRACK, TODAY, ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS FILED AN APPEAL WITH THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT IN SAN FRANCISCO. IN PREVIOUS ARGUMENTS SHE HAS DESCRIBED *CONVERSION THERAPY* AS QUOTE-- "UN SOUND AND HARMFUL." WHEN HE SIGNED THE BILL, GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN CALLED THE THERAPY "QUACKERY."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/13 REPORTED... IT MAY BE A BOY SCOUT FIRST-- A GAY EAST BAY TEENAGER HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, FOLLOWING A YEAR OF TURMOIL AND PUBLIC PRESSURE. BACK IN OCTOBER, RYAN ANDRESEN'S APPLICATION FOR PROMOTION TO EAGLE SCOUT WAS DENIED BY HIS TROOP LEADER BECAUSE RYAN IS OPENLY GAY. HIS MOTHER LAUNCHED AN ONLINE PETITION DEMANDING FAIRNESS FOR HER SON. RYAN'S STORY GAINED NATIONAL ATTENTION WHEN HE WAS A GUEST ON ELLEN DEGENERES' TALK SHOW RIGHT HERE ON NBC BAY AREA. NOW THERE'S WORD A SAN FRANCISCO *REVIEW BOARD* FOR THE SCOUTS HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RYAN'S PROMOTION. RYAN'S PARENTS ARE CALLING IT A HUGE VICTORY...HOWEVER, THE BOY SCOUTS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS STILL DENYING RYAN'S APPLICATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/21/13 REPORTED... MR OBAMA ALSO MADE HISTORY TODAY BY BECOMING THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO EVER MENTION GAY RIGHTS IN AN INAUGURAL SPEECH. THE L-G-B-T RIGHT'S GROUPS AND AGAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES ARE PRAISING THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. BUT CRITICS, INCLUDING BRIAN BROWN, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MARRIAGE SAYS HE TOOK OFFENSE TO SOME OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S REMARKS. HE SAYS IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE WHEN THE PRESIDENT MENTIONED THE 1969 STONEWALL RIOTS IN NEW YORK CITY, WHICH LAUNCHED THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND LINKED THEM TO OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS ERA STRUGGLES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/13 REPORTED... AFTER MORE THAN 100 YEARS, THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA NOW SAYS IT IS CONSIDERING OPENING THE DOOR TO GAY SCOUTS AND LEADERS. IN A STATEMENT TODAY, THE ORGANIZATION SAYS IT'S CONSIDERING REMOVING THE RESTRICTION REGARDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION. THE MOVE, IF APPROVED, WOULD ALLOW LOCAL SCOUT CHARTERS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ALLOW GAY SCOUTS TO JOIN THEIR RANKS. MANY IN THE L-G-B-T COMMUNITY SAY IT'S THE NEWS THEY'VE BEEN WAITING FOR. BACK IN 2000, THE U-S SUPREME COURT RULED IN A 5-TO-4 DECISION THAT THE BOY SCOUTS HAD A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MAINTAIN A POLICY BANNING GAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/31/13 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO'S ARCHBISHOP IS FACING NEW CRITICISM WORLDWIDE, AFTER COMPARING SAME-SEX MARRIAGE WITH MALE BREAST-FEEDING IN AN INTERVIEW. A CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER IN GREAT BRITAIN QUOTES *SALVATORE CORDILEONE* AS WARNING AGAINST OVER-USING THE TERM, "GAY MARRIAGE", BECAUSE HE FEELS IT COULD LEGITIMIZE A CONCEPT WHICH HE BELIEVES IS A NATURAL IMPOSSIBILITY. CORDILEONE WAS PART OF A STATEWIDE NETWORK OF PASTORS WHO PROMOTED CALIFORNIA'S PROP- EIGHT, DEFINING MARRIAGE AS ONLY BETWEEN A MAN AND WOMAN. IN MONDAY'S INTERVIEW WITH THE U-K CATHOLIC HERALD, HE'S QUOTED AS SAYING "LEGISLATING FOR THE RIGHT FOR PEOPLE OF THE SAME SEX TO MARRY -- IS LIKE LEGALIZING MALE BREASTFEEDING."

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/13 REPORTED... TONIGHT, A NEW PLAN TO CHANGE CALIFORNIA'S STANDARDIZED TESTING AT OUR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS. THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MADE NEW RECOMMENDATIONS TODAY. HE WANTS TO MOVE FROM MULTIPLE CHOICE TESTS TO THOSE THAT REQUIRE STUDENTS TO THINK CRITICALLY, SOLVE PROBLEMS, AND SHOW A GREATER DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE. A TASK FORCE MET FOR SIX MONTHS AND CAME UP WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS. TOM TORKALSON BELIEVES THE NEW TESTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE REAL WORLD SKILLS THEY NEED FOR COLLEGE AND FOR A CAREER. THE STATE LEGISLATURE MUST APPROVE THE NEW DESIGN AND ISSUE GUIDELINES BEFORE EDUCATION OFFICIALS CAN START REWRITING THE TESTS. IF THEY GET THE GREEN LIGHT THE NEW EXAMS COULD DEBUT IN THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/13 REPORTED... IT APPEARS U-C BERKELEY'S NEW ONLINE COURSES AREN'T GETTING THE HITS THEY'D HOPED FOR. THE UNIVERSITY SPENT MORE THAN 4 MILLION DOLLARS MARKETING 14 NEW ONLINE COURSES. THE PLAN WAS TO OFFER U-C QUALITY COURSES ONLINE... TO ANYONE...INCLUDING THOSE NOT ENROLLED AT THE SCHOOL. CLASSES COST BETWEEN 14 AND 24-HUNDRED DOLLARS. HERE'S THE PROBLEM... SO FAR, ONLY ONE NON-U-C STUDENT SIGNED UP FOR AN ONLINE CLASS IN THE PAST YEAR. ANOTHER PROBLEM... OTHER UNIVERSITIES -- LIKE STANFORD -- OFFER MANY ON-LINE COURSES -- FOR FREE. THE BOARD IS SET TO RE-EXAMINE THE PROGRAM NEXT WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/13 REPORTED... THERE ARE NEW PLANS IN THE WORKS TO KEEP EDUCATION COSTS FROM INCREASING AT OUR STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES. TWO STATE REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS INTRODUCED BILLS THAT WOULD FREEZE TUITION RATES FOR SEVEN YEARS. THEY ARGUE TAXES RAISED FROM THE RECENTLY PASSED PROP 30 SHOULD BE USED TO STABILIZE TUITION COSTS. ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE, THE SENATE PRESIDENT PRO-TEM KICKED OFF AN EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY CONFERENCE TODAY IN LOS ANGELES. THE CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON LOWERING EDUCATION COSTS AND INCREASING QUALITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/9/13 REPORTED... EACH OF THE *OCCUPY DEMONSTRATORS* WHO WAS FAMOUSLY PEPPER-SPRAYED IN A CAMPUS PROTEST A YEAR AGO, HAS WON A CASH SETTLEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY. VIDEO OF CAMPUS POLICE SPRAYING THE DEMONSTRATORS DURING A 2011 *OCCUPY DEMONSTRATION* WENT VIRAL, PROMPTING OUTRAGE AND CALLS FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR. THE SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED LAST SEPTEMBER, BUT A FEDERAL JUDGE FORMALLY SIGNED-OFF ON IT TODAY. THE SETTLEMENT CALLS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TO PAY 30-THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH TO 21-PROTESTORS. 15-OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE SPRAYED WILL SPLIT A-HUNDRED-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/13 REPORTED... IN THE SOUTH BAY, STUDENT ACTIVISTS GOT SOME HIGH-LEVEL EXPOSURE TODAY, WHEN THEY MET WITH A CONGRESSIONAL LEADER OVER IMMIGRATION REFORM. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, *STUDENT ADVOCATES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION* MET WITH CONGRESSWOMAN ZOE LOFGREN AT HER SAN JOSE OFFICE TODAY. SHE IS THE MINORITY CHAIR OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION. WHEN LOFGREN WAS ASKED IF MEANINGFUL IMMIGRATION REFORM WILL HAPPEN THIS YEAR, SHE SUGGESTED IT'S UP TO HER REPUBLICAN COUNTERPARTS. THE STUDENTS SAY IMMIGRANT STUDENTS, RAISED IN THE U-S, MISS OUT ON COLLEGE AND OTHER VITAL OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S AVAILABLE TO THEM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/16/13 REPORTED... IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY, SOME **TOUGH-LOVE** FROM GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN, AS HE ADDRESSED THE U-C BOARD OF REGENTS. AFTER SCOLDING AND WARNING THE REGENTS AGAINST MORE TUITION INCREASES, THE GOVERNOR TEMPERED HIS HARSH REMARKS BY THANKING THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE AND APPLAUDED THEM FOR LEADING THE WAY DOWN A MORE AUSTERE ROAD. AS PART OF THAT AUSTERITY, THE REGENTS TODAY CALLED FOR AN EXPANSION OF ONLINE COURSES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/13 REPORTED...A SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. THE BOSS IS STEPPING DOWN. U-C PRESIDENT MARK YUDOF ANNOUNCED HE'S LEAVING. 68-YEAR OLD YUDOF CITED HEALTH PROBLEMS AS THE REASON FOR HIS DEPARTURE. YUDOF HAS RECEIVED AN ANNUAL BASE SALARY OF \$591-THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND WILL RECEIVE JUST UNDER HALF THAT AMOUNT IN AN ANNUAL PENSION WHEN HE RETIRES. HOWEVER, HE'S NOT LEAVING THE U-C SYSTEM ALTOGETHER...YUDOF SAYS HE WILL TEACH LAW AT U-C BERKELEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/13 REPORTED... ANOTHER NOTE...THE U-C SYSTEM RECEIVED A RECORD NUMBER OF FRESHMAN APPLICATIONS FOR THE UP COMING FALL TERM. ALL NINE U-C'S SAW BIG NUMBERS. 99-THOUSAND APPLICATIONS FROM CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ALONE. THAT'S AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 6-PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. OUT-OF-STATE APPLICATIONS ARE UP NEWRLY 15 PERCENT... AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE UP 34-PERCENT. THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ALSO RECEIVED RECORD APPLICATIONS TO ITS 23 CAMPUSES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/21/13 REPORTED...THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR HOLIDAY IS DESCRIBED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A *NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE.* AT SAN JOSE'S TECH MUSEUM OF INNOVATION, STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ASSEMBLED STURDY "SOLAR SUITCASES", WHICH WILL *CHARGE* DURING THE DAY AND LIGHT-UP AT NIGHT. THEY'LL GO TO A NIGERIAN MATERNITY HOSPITAL, WHERE A LOCAL DOCTOR WAS STUNNED TO SEE THE STAFF USING KEROSENE LANTERNS. THE HEAD OF THE SOLAR COMPANY PROVIDING THE MATERIALS NOTES THAT SOMETIMES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARK-- CAN BE LIFE AND DEATH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/13 REPORTED... THE C-S-U SYSTEM SAYS IT NEEDS MORE MONEY ... A LOT MORE MONEY CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LEADERS MADE THE DEMAND AT A TRUSTEES MEETING TODAY. THEY SAY IN ORDER TO FUND THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, THEY NEED 371-MILLION DOLLARS IN TOTAL. GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN FIRED BACK THAT THE DEMAND IS MORE OF A DREAM THAN A REALITY. THE MONEY WOULD COVER SALARY RAISES AND MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE 23 CAMPUSES. BROWN AGREED TO GIVE AN EXTRA 125 MILLION... UNDER THE CONDITION THAT TUITION *NOT* BE RAISED.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED...FREEZING COLD TEMPERATURES, TODAY, MADE FOR SOME EXTRA CHALLENGES PEOPLE WHO WORK OUTSIDE. IN DOWNTOWN WALNUT CREEK, ONE BANK SIGN SHOWED THAT IT WAS 30- DEGREES EVEN AS THE SUN CAME UP. AUTO DETAILERS SCRAMBLED TO GET FROST OFF OF THEIR CARS AND WARM THEM UP. PEOPLE WHO DELIVERED FOOD OVERNIGHT SAY SOME OF THEIR GOODS WERE ACTUALLY FROZEN BY THE FRIGID WEATHER. EVEN PEOPLE WALKING THEIR PETS HAD THEM BUNDLED UP FOR A WINTER DAY IN SWEATERS AND COATS. ANOTHER FROSTY MORNING IS ON TAP FOR TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED... A NEW SIERRA SNOW SURVEY FINDS WATER CONTENT IN CALIFORNIA'S MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK IS WELL ABOVE AVERAGE. TODAY'S SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED AT ECHO SUMMIT IN EL DORADO COUNTY. IT FOUND WATER CONTENT MEASURES 134-PERCENT OF AVERAGE FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. THAT'S GREAT NEWS, SINCE THE SIERRA SNOWPACK PROVIDES ABOUT A-THIRD OF THE WATER FOR CALIFORNIA'S HOMES, FARMS AND INDUSTRIES. DESPITE THE GOOD NUMBERS, THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IS TEMPERING ENTHUSIASM -- BY REMINDING THE PUBLIC THAT A YEAR WHICH STARTS OUT WET CAN OFTEN DRY OUT QUICKLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/3/13 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA IS TAKING TWO OIL COMPANIES TO COURT-- FOR VIOLATING THE STATE'S HAZARDOUS WASTE LAWS. THE CIVIL SUIT ACCUSES PHILLIPS-66 AND CONOCO-PHILLIPS OF FAILING TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE TANKS BENEATH NEARLY SIX-HUNDRED CALIFORNIA SERVICE STATIONS. ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS CLAIMS THE COMPANIES TAMPERED WITH LEAK DETECTION DEVICES AND FAILED TO MAINTAIN ALARM SYSTEMS-- BOTH PUBLIC HEALTH VIOLATIONS. THE SUIT FOLLOWS A STATEWIDE INVESTIGATION IN WHICH HARRIS SAYS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATIONS WERE FOUND IN 34 COUNTIES.

CONOCO-PHILLIPS SAYS IT'S NO LONGER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERVICE STATIONS. PHILLIPS-66 SAYS IT WON'T COMMENT ON PENDING LITIGATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/9/13 REPORTED... CREWS HOPE 4-THOUSAND SANDBAGS ALONG THE SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK WILL HELP PREVENT FLOODING IN EAST PALO ALTO. MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS ARE TRYING TO SECURE THE LEVEE THAT BURST LAST MONTH DURING HEAVY RAIN. THE STRUCTURE NEEDS MAJOR UPGRADES. ROUGHLY SIX-THOUSAND HOMES AND BUSINESSES ARE IN THE FLOOD PLANE AREA IN EAST PALO ALTO, PALO ALTO AND MENLO PARK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/9/13 REPORTED... HERE COMES INDIANA JONES AND YODA. A VOTE IN MARIN COUNTY TODAY WAS UNANIMOUS-- AND THE CITY OF SAN ANSELMO WILL GET A DOWNTOWN PARK LIKE NO OTHER. A LOT OF PARKS HAVE TREES, MEANDERING PATHS, AND A FOUNTAIN-- BUT **THIS** PARK WILL ALSO HAVE A LIFESIZE STATUE OF MOVIE HERO, INDIANA JONES, ACCOMPANIED BY YODA -- FROM THE STAR WARS FILMS. BOTH CHARACTERS WERE THE CREATION OF DIRECTOR GEORGE LUCAS, WHO'S DONATING THE LAND FOR THE PARK, NEAR SAN ANSELMO'S CITY HALL. AN OFFICE BUILDING NOW ON THE SITE WILL BE TORN-DOWN TO MAKE WAY FOR THE PARK, WHICH SHOULD BE READY FOR VISITORS-- AND FANS-- BY THE START OF SUMMER. THE PARK'S YODA FOUNTAIN WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE ONE LOCATED AT THE LETTERMAN DIGITAL ARTS CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/15/13 REPORTED... THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS ISSUING A "SPARE THE AIR" ALERT FOR TOMORROW. THIS MEANS YOU CAN'T BURN WOOD, MANUFACTURED FIRE LOGS, OR OTHER SOLID FUELS, INDOORS OR OUT FOR 24- HOURS. THIS IS THE FOURTH SPARE THE AIR ALERT ISSUED THIS WINTER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/24/13 REPORTED... THE SHOOTING OF TWO MOUNTAIN LION CUBS IN HALF MOON BAY LAST MONTH, COULD FOREVER CHANGE HOW CALIFORNIA DEALS WITH BIG CATS, WHICH WANDER INTO NEIGHBORHOODS. 35-POUND CUBS WERE FATALLY SHOT BY A GAME WARDEN, INSTEAD OF RE-LOCATED. ONE NEIGHBOR EVEN RECORDED VIDEO OF THE ANIMALS. TODAY, STATE SENATOR JERRY HILL OF SAN MATEO, INTRODUCED A BILL REQUIRING FISH AND WILDLIFE WARDENS TO USE NON-LETHAL MEANS WHEN DEALING WITH SUBURBAN MOUNTAIN LIONS. THE LAW WOULD ALSO AUTHORIZE THE WARDENS TO PARTNER WITH LOCAL WILDLIFE GROUPS OR ZOOS IF THERE'S NO THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/31/13 REPORTED... IF YOU SAW SOMETHING THAT LOOKED LIKE A FIGHTER JET FLYING LOW OVER A BAY AREA FREEWAY TODAY... YOU WEREN'T IMAGINING IT. IT'S A SPECIALLY EQUIPPED NASA PLANE, ON AN UNPRECEDENTED MISSION TO MONITOR AIR POLLUTION ACROSS THE STATE. THE AIRCRAFT BEGAN FLYING TODAY AND WILL ALSO FLY TOMORROW, COLLECTING DATA. THE PLANE IS FLYING AS LOW AS ONE-THOUSAND FEET. RIGHT NOW THE PLANE IS FOCUSED ON INTERSTATE 680, HERE IN THE BAY AREA. THE GOAL IS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHERE THE AIR POLLUTION COMES FROM AND HOW IT MOVES.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/1/13 REPORTED... NOW TO A DEVELOPING STORY...HOUSE MEMBERS ON CAPITOL HILL ARE IN OVERTIME AFTER MISSING A MIDNIGHT DEADLINE TO PASS A SENATE BILL PREVENTING US FROM GOING OVER THE SO-CALLED FISCAL CLIFF. THERE HAS BEEN A STALEMATE FOR MOST OF THE DAY, BUT WITHIN THE LAST TWO HOURS, THERE'S WORD THAT THE HOUSE WILL VOTE ON THE BILL TONIGHT. IT WAS 2 A-M EASTERN TIME WHEN SENATORS FINALLY MANAGED TO VOTE AND APPROVE A COMPROMISE FISCAL CLIFF PACKAGE, EARLY THIS MORNING. BUT THE BILL HIT A NEW SNAG IN

THE HOUSE. G-O-P LEADERS FACED A WALL OF COMPLAINTS FROM THEIR REPUBLICAN RANK AND FILE, WHO SAID THE COMPROMISE BILL DIDN'T INCLUDE NECESSARY SPENDING CUTS. MANY SAID THEY WOULD REFUSE TO LET IT COME TO THE FLOOR FOR A VOTE. FOR A WHILE, REPUBLICANS CONSIDERED SENDING AN AMENDED BILL BACK TO THE SENATE, WITH NEW SPENDING CUTS ATTACHED. BUT REPUBLICANS DIDN'T HAVE THE 218 VOTES NEEDED FOR THAT AMENDMENT; SO INSTEAD, THEY ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE YES OR NO ON THE CURRENT SENATE PLAN.... THAT VOTE IS EXPECTED ANY TIME NOW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/3/13 REPORTED...A BIG DAY ON CAPITOL HILL, AS THE 113TH CONGRESS WAS SWORN-IN. CONGRESSMAN JOHN BOEHNER WAS RE-ELECTED AS HOUSE SPEAKER, AND DID THE OFFICIAL SWEARING-IN FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. 84 NEW MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE, INCLUDING THE YOUNGEST ... AN EAST BAY NATIVE: 32 YEAR OLD DEMOCRAT, ERIC SWALWELL. HE IS REPRESENTING CALIFORNIA'S 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. HE TOOK THE TIME TO SPEAK WITH ME ON THIS BUSY DAY. HE SAID HE GREW-UP AS THE ONLY DEMOCRAT IN A HOUSE FULL OF REPUBLICANS, SO THAT WILL HOPEFULLY HELP HIM EASE THE GRIDLOCK ON CAPITOL HILL. THIS IS THE MOST DIVERSE CONGRESS EVER IN TERMS OF RELIGIONS AND ETHNICITIES. ALSO, A RECORD NUMBER OF WOMEN WAS SWORN-IN TODAY IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE, WHICH HAS 12 NEW MEMBERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/7/13 REPORTED...WE NOW KNOW WHEN THE NATION'S HIGHEST COURT WILL TAKE UP A CASE CHALLENGING CALIFORNIA'S BAN ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. TODAY, THE SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCED IT WILL HEAR ARGUMENTS ON MARCH 26TH, MEANING A DECISION CAN BE EXPECTED IN JUNE. IN 2008, CALIFORNIA VOTERS APPROVED PROP-EIGHT, DEFINING MARRIAGE AS ONLY BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN. TWO SAME-SEX COUPLES APPEALED, AND THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT STRUCK IT DOWN. IF THE SUPREME COURT AGREES...SAME SEX MARRIAGES COULD BEGIN, STATEWIDE, WITHIN DAYS OF THE DECISION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/9/13 REPORTED...VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN LAUNCHED A PUBLIC EFFORT TODAY, TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PROMISE TO CURB GUN VIOLENCE IN THE WAKE OF MASS SHOOTING IN CONNECTICUT. BIDEN CALLED GUN CONTROL ADVOCATES TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND PLEDGED TO TAKE ACTION QUICKLY, WITHOUT DETAILING SPECIFICS. WHILE MANY AT TODAY'S MEETING WERE ENCOURAGED, THEY'RE FACING IMPASSIONED OPPOSITION FROM GUN RIGHTS ADVOCATES. TOMORROW, BIDEN IS DUE TO MEET WITH LEADERS OF THE NRA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/13 REPORTED...TODAY, GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN RELEASED HIS NEWEST BUDGET PROPOSAL... AND IF HE SEEMED A LITTLE HAPPIER WHILE DOING IT, IT MAY BE BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST BUDGET SURPLUS SINCE THE RECESSION BEGAN. TODAY'S PROPOSAL IS BASED ON A RE-BOUNDING ECONOMY AND A WAVE OF NEW TAX REVENUE. TO PROTECT THE STATE FROM FUTURE SLUMPS, BROWN'S 97-BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET PLAN CALLS FOR BUILDING AN EMERGENCY FUND. MOST OF THE NEW MONEY IS EARMARKED FOR SCHOOLS....MEANING OTHER DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING HEALTHCARE, WON'T GET MORE MONEY OR WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE CUTS. STATE REPUBLICANS ARE DEMANDING THAT ANY FINAL BUDGET INCLUDE LANGUAGE PREVENTING THE U-C AND C-S-U SYSTEMS FROM RAISING TUITION FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/13 REPORTED...THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE HAS COME TO AN END, AND NOW, IT'S TIME TO GET BACK TO WORK. TODAY MARKED PRESIDENT OBAMA'S FIRST FULL WORKDAY OF HIS SECOND TERM. BEFORE GETTING BACK TO THE MULTIPLE AGENDAS ON CAPITOL HILL, THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ATTENDED THE NATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE AT THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL.IT'S A POST-INAUGURAL TRADITION, DATING BACK TO GEORGE WASHINGTON.AT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE, A MINISTER ECHOED THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL PLEA FOR LESS PARTISANSHIP.

ALSO TODAY, A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID IF CONGRESS PASSES A HOUSE REPUBLICAN BILL TO EXTEND THE DEBT CEILING FOR THREE MONTHS -- THE PRESIDENT "WOULD NOT STAND IN THE WAY". IN THE PAST, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT EMBRACED THE IDEA OF A SHORT-TERM EXTENSION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/13 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA'S APPROACH TO DEALING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS-- COULD BE A MODEL FOR THE ENTIRE NATION. THAT'S THE MESSAGE STATE SENATE LEADER, DARRELL STEINBERG, TOOK TO WASHINGTON TODAY. HE MET TODAY WITH AIDES TO VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN. BIDEN IS EXAMINING MENTAL HEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF GUN CONTROL. CALIFORNIA'S MENTAL HEALTH LAW, APPROVED EIGHT-YEARS AGO BY VOTERS, RAISES A-BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR THROUGH A SPECIAL TAX ON MILLIONAIRES. STEINBERG WANTS THE FEDS TO LAUNCH SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN ALL STATES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/13 REPORTED... ON THIS 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDMARK ROE-V-WADE CASE, LEGALIZING ABORTION, LAWMAKERS TODAY INTRODUCED A BILL TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE PROCEDURE IN CALIFORNIA. ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL, MEMBERS OF THE STATE *WOMEN'S HEALTH ALLIANCE* GATHERED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL. IT WOULD IMPROVE A WOMAN'S ACCESS TO ABORTION BY AUTHORIZING TRAINED NURSE-PRACTITIONERS, CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES, AND PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS TO PERFORM THE PROCEDURE EARLY IN A PREGNANCY-- GIVING ALL WOMEN BETTER ACCESS TO SAFE MEDICAL CARE. SUPPORTERS SAY THEY'RE CONFIDENT THE BILL WILL PASS THIS YEAR.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/1/13 REPORTED...IN HEALTH MATTERS...IF ONE OF YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS IS TO LOSE WEIGHT, YOU MIGHT WANT TO START LIMITING HOW MUCH FRUCTOSE YOU EAT. NEW RESEARCH SHOWS FOODS WITH FRUCTOSE OR HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP DON'T MAKE YOU FEEL AS FULL AS FOODS WITH OTHER SIMPLE SUGARS LIKE GLUCOSE. NUTRITIONISTS SAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO COMPLETELY AVOID FOODS WITH FRUCTOSE...IN FACT FRUCTOSE IS COMMON IN NEARLY ALL FRUIT. INSTEAD, THEY RECOMMEND AVOIDING PACKAGED FOODS WITH FRUCTOSE OR GLUCOSE LISTED AS ONE OF AS THE FIRST THREE INGREDIENTS....AND MAKE SURE EACH SERVING CONTAINS LESS THAN 10 GRAMS OF SUGAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/13 REPORTED...IN HEALTH MATTERS: NEW INFORMATION TODAY SUGGESTS THAT A FEW EXTRA POUNDS MIGHT HELP YOU LIVE LONGER. BEING A LITTLE OVERWEIGHT OR EVEN SLIGHTLY OBESE WAS LINKED TO A SIX PERCENT LOWER RISK OF DYING -- COMPARED TO NORMAL-WEIGHT PEOPLE. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION CONDUCTED A REVIEW OF ABOUT 100 STUDIES INCLUDING NEARLY THREE MILLION PEOPLE. THE STUDY WAS BASED ON BODY MASS INDEX WHICH MEASURES WEIGHT IN RELATION TO HEIGHT. DOCTORS CAUTION THAT B-M-I IS NOT AN ACCURATE MEASURE OF BODY FAT OR HEALTH RISK, AND SAY THIS IS NOT AN EXCUSE TO GAIN WEIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/3/13 REPORTED...IN HEALTH MATTERS... HERE COMES THE FLU. A VIRUS THAT JUST HIT ARIZONA MIGHT NOW BE ON ITS WAY TO CALIFORNIA. THE FLU VIRUS HAS BEEN MOVING FROM THE SOUTHEAST TO THE WEST COAST. THE PEAK OF THE FLU SEASON IS NORMALLY FEBRUARY. THE MOST DOMINANT VIRUS THIS YEAR IS H-3-N-2...A STRAIN THAT THE FLU SHOT COVERS. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS SAY WE MAY SEE MORE CASES ANYWAY. THAT'S BECAUSE THIS PARTICULAR STRAIN IS VERY INFECTIOUS. DOCTORS ADVISE EVERYONE WHO CAN GET A FLU SHOT TO DO SO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/7/13 REPORTED...IN HEALTH MATTERS: A NEW STUDY FINDS H-P-V RELATED CANCERS ARE ON THE RISE. DESPITE TWO VACCINES THAT PROTECT AGAINST THE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION, THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S LATEST DATA SHOW ONLY ONE-THIRD OF GIRLS AGED 13 TO 17 RECEIVED ALL THREE DOSES OF THE H-P-V VACCINE. RESEARCHERS SAY MORE EFFORTS ARE NEEDED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF GIRLS BEING VACCINATED. THE GOOD NEWS- THE REPORT FOUND THAT OVERALL CANCER DEATH RATES IN THE U-S ARE CONTINUING TO DECLINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/7/13 REPORTED...PEOPLE WHO TAKE BETA BLOCKERS TO COMBAT HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MAY ALSO BE FIGHTING DEMENTIA OR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AT THE SAME TIME. RESEARCHERS STUDIED THE BRAINS OF NEARLY 800 DECEASED ELDERLY MEN. THOSE WHO HAD TAKEN BETA BLOCKERS HAD FEWER BRAIN ABNORMALITIES LINKED TO DEMENTIA. THEY ALSO HAD SIGNIFICANTLY LESS BRAIN SHRINKAGE THAN THOSE WHO HAD NOT TAKEN BETA BLOCKERS. PREVIOUS STUDIES INDICATE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IS A STRONG RISK FACTOR FOR DEMENTIA. SO, THESE FINDINGS COULD BE IMPORTANT FOR DEMENTIA PREVENTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/21/13 REPORTED...PEOPLE IN HEALTH MATTERS... THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN, DIAGNOSED WITH A-D-H-D, INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE PAST DECADE. A NEW KAISER PERMANENTE STUDY FOUND A 25-PERCENT INCREASE IN A-D-H-D CASES FROM 2001 TO 2010. RESEARCHERS LOOKED AT MEDICAL RECORDS OF MORE THAN 800-THOUSAND ETHNICALLY DIVERSE CHILDREN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. BLACK CHILDREN SAW THE BIGGEST INCREASE, AT SEVENTY PERCENT. THE NUMBERS OF BLACK GIRLS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.... UP BY NINETY PERCENT. THE SHARP INCREASE IS CITED TO A GROWING AWARENESS ABOUT THE DISORDER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/23/13 REPORTED... IN TONIGHT'S HEALTH MATTERS....WHAT IF YOU COULD LEARN WHAT YOUR RISK OF HAVING A HEART ATTACK IS - IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS? STANFORD RESEARCHERS HELPED DEVELOP A NEW BLOOD TEST THAT CAN ASSESS THAT RISK. ITS CALLED"MY-RISK- V-P" AND IT LOOKS AT 13 DIFFERENT PROTEINS ASSOCIATED WITH PLAQUE BUILD UP IN THE BLOOD VESSEL WALLS. THE CHIEF OF CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH AT STANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SAYS THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HEART ATTACKS DONT FALL IN THE HIGH RISK CATEGORY. HE SAYS THE NEW TEST WILL LIKELY HELP THOSE PATIENTS THE MOST. RECENT STUDIES OF THE NEW TEST SHOW IT CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED MORE PEOPLE WHO WENT ON TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK THAN THE TRADITIONAL METHOD OF ASSESSING RISK. THE TEST IS MADE BY CALIFORNIA COMPANY AH-VEER AND IS NOW AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS. IT IS COVERED BY SOME INSURANCE PROVIDERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/25/13 REPORTED... A U-S FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION PANEL VOTED TODAY FOR STRICTER CONTROLS ON NARCOTIC PAINKILLERS LIKE VICODIN. THE VOTE IS NOT BINDING BUT WILL HELP THE F-D-A DECIDE WHETHER TO LIMIT A PATIENT'S SUPPLY OF PAINKILLERS CONTAINING "HYDROCODONE."RIGHT NOW PATIENTS CAN GET UP TO SIX MONTHS OF THESE DRUGS WITH ONE DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION. IF APPROVED THEY WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO GET A THREE MONTHS SUPPLY. ADVOCATES OF LIMITING "HYDROCODONE" DRUGS SAY A REFORM IS NEEDED BECAUSE OVERDOSE DEATHS AND ADDICTION RATES SOARED OVER THE PAST DECADE. IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHEN THE F-D-A WOULD MAKE A FINAL DECISION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/13 REPORTED... IN HEALTH MATTERS -- PREGNANT WOMEN WILL SOON BE ASKED TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES FOR A VACCINE THAT DOCTORS SAY WILL PROTECT THEM -- AND THEIR NEWBORN BABIES FROM ONE OF THE MOST CONTAGIOUS ILLNESSES CIRCULATING RIGHT NOW. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE FLU.... THIS TIME IT'S WHOOPING COUGH. THERE IS A VACCINE -- BUT NEWBORNS CAN'T GET IT UNTIL THEY'RE TWO MONTHS OLD. NOW, A GOVERNMENT ADVISORY PANEL IS TRYING TO ENSURE BABIES ARE IMMUNIZED AT BIRTH, BY VACCINATING MOTHERS IN THE LAST

TRIMESTER OF PREGNANCY. DOCTORS SAY SHE'LL PASS HER IMMUNITY TO THE BABY... BUT THE VACCINE IS NOT PERFECT. KIDS WHO ARE FULLY IMMUNIZED USUALLY START TO LOSE PROTECTION AFTER ABOUT FIVE YEARS. BOOSTERS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ADOLESCENTS, AND FOR EVERYONE OVER AGE NINETEEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/13 REPORTED... A NEW STUDY FINDS PEOPLE WHO DRIVE TO WORK EVERY DAY PACK ON A LITTLE MORE WEIGHT THAN THEIR COLLEAGUES --- EVEN IF THEY WORKOUT. AN AUSTRALIAN STUDY COMPARED PEOPLE WHO GOT AT LEAST TWO AND A HALF HOURS OF WEEKLY EXERCISE. RESEARCHERS FOUND CAR COMMUTERS GAINED AN AVERAGE OF 4 POUNDS OVER 4 YEARS. THAT'S ONE POUND MORE THAN PEOPLE WHO GOT TO WORK ANOTHER WAY. THOSE WHO WORKED OUT REGULARLY AND NEVER DROVE TO WORK DIDN'T GAIN ANY WEIGHT AT ALL.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/3/13 REPORTED...BUT JUST TO THE NORTH, THE CIVIL WAR RAGES ON IN SYRIA. TODAY, U-S FORCES ARRIVED IN NEIGHBORING TURKEY TO HELP PROTECT ITS ALLY FROM INCOMING SYRIAN MISSILES. IN RECENT MONTHS, THE SYRIAN ARMY HAS LAUNCHED ATTACKS AGAINST REBELS, IN CITIES NEAR THE BORDER, BUT SOME OF THOSE MISSILES HAVE CROSSED-OVER. THE U-S, GERMANY, AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE DEPLOYED TROOPS AND DEFENSE MISSILE SYSTEMS TO THE BORDER TO HELP TURKEY INTERCEPT ANY INCOMING MISSILES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/16/13 REPORTED... IN ALGERIA TONIGHT, SEVERAL AMERICANS ARE AMONG THE 41 PEOPLE ... TAKEN HOSTAGE BY ISLAMIST MILITANTS.... AT A NATURAL GAS FACILITY IN ALGERIA. THE FACILITY IS OPERATED BY A NORWEGIAN COMPANY ... AND BRITAIN'S "B-P." IT'S BELIEVED.... MOST OF THE HOSTAGES ARE FROM THOSE COUNTRIES. MILITANTS SAY THEY ATTACKED THE GAS FIELD..... BECAUSE OF ALGERIA'S SUPPORT OF FRANCE'S OPERATION.... AGAINST REBELS IN THE AFRICAN NATION OF MALI. TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING THE RAID. U.S. AND ALGERIAN LEADERS.... ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO DETERMINE HOW TO RESPOND. U-S OFFICIALS ARE CALLING THIS AN "ACT OF TERRORISM".

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/13 REPORTED...THE NIGHTMARE CONTINUES FOR THE DREAMLINER. FLIGHTS FROM SAN JOSE TO TOKYO ARE NOW CANCELLED THROUGH MONDAY WHILE FEDERAL INSPECTORS TRY TO SOLVE THE AIRLINE'S MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. NEW VIDEO SHOWS THE BATTERY RESPONSIBLE FOR WEDNESDAY'S EMERGENCY LANDING OF THE BOEING 787 DREAMLINER. IT'S NEXT TO A NORMAL BATTERY -- ILLUSTRATING HOW BADLY DAMAGED IT IS. THE U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SPOKE PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME ABOUT THE DREAMLINER ISSUE. RAY LAHOOD STRESSED THAT THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT RUSH ITS INVESTIGATION, AND THE PLANES WILL NOT BE BACK IN THE AIR UNTIL THEY ARE "ONE-THOUSAND PERCENT SURE THEY ARE SAFE TO FLY."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/21/13 REPORTED... STILL SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS ABOUT THE BOEING DREAMLINER. AMONG THE PROBLEMS...THE FIRE ON A FLIGHT THAT LANDED IN BOSTON EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE U.S. SAFETY INVESTIGATORS HAVE RULED OUT EXCESS VOLTAGE, AND ARE NOW LOOKING AT THE BATTERY'S CHARGER AND THE BOEING 787'S AUXILIARY POWER UNIT. MEANWHILE, THE PROLONGED INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO CREATE A RIPPLE EFFECT IN DREAMLINER AIR TRAFFIC. JAPAN'S "ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS" HAS CANCELLED ANOTHER 200 FLIGHTS, BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT TUESDAY...WHICH INCLUDES THE FLIGHTS FROM MINETA SAN JOSE AIRPORT...

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/13 REPORTED... IT APPEARS BENJAMIN NETANYAHU IS ON COURSE FOR A THIRD TERM AS PRIME MINISTER. CHEERS

ERUPTED FROM THE CROWD AS EXIT POLLS IN ISRAEL SHOW NETANYAHU CAME OUT ON TOP IN TODAY'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. BUT IT APPEARS THE ELECTION WAS CLOSER THAN MANY PROJECTED. NETANYAHU'S PARTY CAPTURED JUST 31 SEATS WHICH WAS WELL BELOW EXPECTATIONS. THE CENTRIST PARTY CAPTURED AS MANY AS 19 SEATS. THAT WAS WELL ABOVE FORECAST NUMBERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/23/13 REPORTED... IN OAKLAND TODAY, THE FAMILY OF AMBASSADOR CHRIS STEVENS, KILLED IN THE BENGHAZI ATTACK IN SEPTEMBER, SAYS SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON HAS REACHED OUT TO THEM IN SYMPATHY. -- BUT STEVENS' STEP-FATHER SAYS MRS. CLINTON HAS GIVEN THEM NO PRIVILEGED INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE ATTACK. THIS IS ALL UNFOLDING -- AS CLINTON DEFIANTLY FACED-OFF AGAINST CRITICAL REPUBLICANS -- TODAY ON CAPITOL HILL. AMBASSADOR --AND PIEDMONT NATIVE-- CHRIS STEVENS REQUESTED ADDED SECURITY, BUT CLINTON TOLD LAWMAKERS HIS REQUESTS WERE NEVER MADE TO HER PERSONALLY AND DIDN'T EVEN COME TO HER ATTENTION. SHE SAYS THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW MAKING MORE THAN TWO-DOZEN CHANGES TO SECURITY AND LEADERSHIP. AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW FOUND "INADEQUATE SECURITY AND LEADERSHIP" LEFT THE POST VULNERABLE. MRS. CLINTON BLAMED A LACK OF FUNDING -- IN PART-- FOR THE INADEQUACIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/24/13 REPORTED... A SINGLE PROTESTER INTERRUPTED THE CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR SENATOR JOHN KERRY TODAY. KERRY IS EXPECTED TO REPLACE HILLARY CLINTON AS SECRETARY OF STATE. THE INTERRUPTION CAME JUST AS SENATOR KERRY FINISHED HIS PREPARED REMARKS TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. HE HANDLED THE PROTEST BY ALLUDING TO HIS OWN TIME AS AN ANTI-WAR ACTIVIST. KERRY RECEIVED BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ... WHICH HE CHAIRS. HE IS EXPECTED TO EASILY WIN CONFIRMATION TO BECOME THE COUNTRY'S 68TH SECRETARY OF STATE. BOTH SECRETARY OF STATE CLINTON AND SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN PRAISED KERRY AS HAVING THE EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS TO LEAD AMERICA'S DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/13 REPORTED... IT COULD BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMMIGRATION REFORM EFFORT IN YEARS. A BIPARTISAN GROUP OF SENATORS HAS UNVEILED SWEEPING LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO CREATE A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR MILLIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS. THE MEASURE CALLS FOR IMPROVED BORDER SECURITY -- AND ADDRESSES VISA OVERSTAYS. HOWEVER, THE LEGISLATION ALSO ALLOWS FOR MORE GUEST WORKERS. GREEN CARDS WOULD BE AWARDED TO IMMIGRANTS WHO OBTAIN ADVANCED DEGREES AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. AS FOR LOW SKILLED WORKERS -- IT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO ENTER THE COUNTRY FOR HARD TO FILL JOBS IN AREAS LIKE AGRICULTURE. THE SENATORS' PROPOSAL IS BEING PRAISED BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/29/13 REPORTED... MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE. THAT'S THE CONSENSUS AFTER A JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON GUN CONTROL AT THE STATE CAPITOL TODAY. TODAY, STATE LAWMAKERS GOT A CLOSE LOOK AT SOME HEAVY-DUTY FIREARMS AND HEARD TESTIMONY FROM GUN RIGHTS ADVOCATES, GUN CONTROL ADVOCATES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. STATE SENATE LEADER DARRELL STEINBERG SAYS THE HEARING WAS MEANT TO "SET ASIDE SOME OF THE EMOTION" AND DETERMINE WHAT REASONABLE STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY. CALIFORNIA ALREADY HAS THE STRICTEST GUN CONTROL LAWS IN THE NATION, BUT BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS HAVE RECENTLY INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF NEW GUN AND AMMUNITION CONTROL BILLS. NOW, THEY SAY MORE MAY NEED TO BE DONE. PROPOSED LEGISLATION INCLUDES INCREASING TAXES ON AMMUNITION SALES, MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO RELOAD WEAPONS AND EXTENDING EXISTING BANS TO WEAPONS PURCHASED BEFORE CURRENT PROHIBITIONS TOOK EFFECT.

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BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/13 REPORTED... A BIG DAY FOR YOUR MONEY .. ESPECIALLY IF "SOME" OF YOUR MONEY IS IN GOOGLE STOCK. THE MOUNTAIN VIEW SEARCH GIANT NOTCHED AN ALL-TIME HIGH FOR ITS STOCK PRICE TODAY. RIDING A POST-EARNING WAVE OF BUYING TO CLOSE AT 775 DOLLARS A SHARE. THAT, AND SOME BETTER THAN EXPECTED JOB NUMBERS, PROPELLED STOCKS TO HIGHS WE HAVEN'T SEEN IN YEARS. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2007, THE DOW CLOSED ABOVE 14-THOUSAND.. THE LABOR DEPARTMENT SAYS 157 THOUSAND JOBS WERE CREATED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/13 REPORTED... THE POPULAR LOCAL AIRLINE -- IS SPREADING ITS WINGS. VIRGIN AMERICA -- WILL SOON BEGIN FLYING FROM SAN JOSE -- TO L-A. THE AIRLINE WILL OFFER FOUR NON STOP FLIGHTS TO L-A-X STARTING MAY FIRST. MINETTA INTERNATIONAL HAS BEEN COURTING VIRGIN AMERICA FOR THREE YEARS, AND HOPES THE CARRIER WILL ADD EAST COAST FLIGHTS IN THE COMING YEARS. AN AIRPORT SPOKESPERSON SAYS THE AIRLINE IS A GOOD FIT TO LURE HIGH TECH TRAVELERS IN THE SOUTH BAY. VIRGIN AMERICA -- BASED IN BURLINGAME -- SAYS ITS RESEARCH SHOWS WHILE ITS CUSTOMERS ARE WILLING TO DRIVE TO S-F-O FOR LONG HAUL FLIGHTS, THEY'D RATHER FLY OUT OF S-J-C FOR SHORT FLIGHTS. TICKETS FOR THE FIRST FLIGHTS GO ON SALE TOMORROW MORNING...THAT'S ALSO WHEN THE AIRLINE WILL ANNOUNCE THE PRICE OF THOSE FLIGHTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/13 REPORTED... FACEBOOK IS THE MOST POPULAR SOCIAL NETWORK IN AMERICA -- ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF U-S ADULTS USE IT ON A REGULAR BASIS. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY DON'T GET SICK OF IT. A NEW PEW CENTER STUDY OUT TODAY FOUND 61 PERCENT OF CURRENT FACEBOOK USERS SAID THEY HAD TAKEN BREAKS FROM THE SITE. WHY? PRIVACY AND SECURITY CONCERNS, NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR THEIR PROFILES... AND THE GENERAL SENTIMENT THAT FACEBOOK IS A MAJOR WASTE OF TIME. ONLY 12 PERCENT SAID THE SITE'S SIGNIFICANCE INCREASED OVER THE LAST YEAR -- WHICH ISN'T GOOD NEWS FOR A COMPANY WHOSE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS HOW TO PROFIT FROM ITS ONE BILLION USERS

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/7/13 REPORTED... ONE OF APPLE'S BIGGEST INVESTORS IS NOW DEMANDING THE TECH GIANT SHOW INVESTORS THE MONEY .. DAVID EINHORN RUNS AN INVESTMENT FUND CALLED GREENLIGHT CAPITOL, AND HE'S IS SUING APPLE, DEMANDING THAT THE CUPERTINO COMPANY GIVE MORE OF ITS CASH BACK TO SHAREHOLDERS. APPLE HAS 137 BILLION DOLLARS IN CASH RESERVES, MORE THAN ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMPANY.. AND TODAY, RESPONDED TO THE LAWSUIT BY SAYING IT WILL DISCUSS WAYS TO GIVE MORE CASH TO INVESTORS. APPLE STOCK JUMPED THREE PERCENT ON THE NEWS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/13 REPORTED... HE'S TALKING A BIG GAME -- BUT CAN HE BACK IT UP? THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS IS HOPING TO LURE CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES TO THE LONE STAR STATE. HE SAYS TEXAS HAS KNOCKED CALIFORNIA OFF ITS PERCH AS THE NATION'S BUSINESS LEADER. GOVERNOR RICK PERRY MADE THOSE COMMENTS TO THE MERCURY NEWS. THIS WEEK PERRY HAS MEETINGS WITH BUSINESS LEADERS IN SAN FRANCISCO, SILICON VALLEY AND L-A. HE'S HOPING HIS STATE'S LOW TAXES, LIMITED REGULATIONS AND LENIENT LABOR LAWS... WILL BE ENOUGH TO CONVINCE CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES TO RELOCATE. IN THE INTERVIEW, PERRY REPORTEDLY ALSO TOOK

SHOTS AT GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN, AND SAID AUSTIN IS POISED TO BECOME THE "NEXT SILICON VALLEY." REPUBLICANS IN SACRAMENTO ARE USING HIS VISIT TO RENEW THEIR OWN CRITICISMS OF THE BUSINESS CLIMATE HERE. GOVERNOR BROWN HAS CALLED HIS VISIT A QUOTE- "CHEAP GIMMICK."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/13 REPORTED... THE FATE OF DRAKES BAY OYSTER COMPANY AND FUTURE OYSTER PRICES COULD BE DECIDED THIS WEEK. THE OWNER OF THE OYSTER COMPANY WILL BE IN COURT THIS WEEK TO FIGHT A FEDERALLY IMPOSED ORDER TO CLOSE THE BUSINESS. IF THE COURT DOESN'T GRANT AN INJUNCTION DRAKES BAY WILL HAVE TO CLOSE BY MARCH 15. SOME BELIEVE THAT WILL LEAD TO HIGHER OYSTER PRICES, LOWER QUALITY AND AN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE OF THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDED TO IMPORT OYSTERS TO THE BAY AREA. DRAKE'S SUPPLIES 40 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA'S OYSTERS

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/19/13 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST PUBLIC PENSION SYSTEM IS TAKING A STAND ON GUN VIOLENCE. CALPERS IS WITHDRAWING INVESTMENTS FROM TWO FIREARM COMPANIES WHICH MAKE ASSAULT WEAPONS AND SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS... BOTH ILLEGAL IN CALIFORNIA...THE MOVE COMES AFTER THE DISCOVERY THAT THE *STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND* INVESTED IN THE COMPANY THAT MANUFACTURED ONE OF THE WEAPONS USED IN THE CONNECTICUT SCHOOL SHOOTING. THE TEACHERS FUND HAS SINCE DIVESTED FROM COMPANIES WHICH MAKE ASSAULT WEAPONS AND HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES. TODAY CAL-PERS TOOK THE FIRST STEPS TO DO THE SAME, AND INSIDERS EXPECT OTHER BIG CITIES AND STATES WILL FOLLOW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/20/13 REPORTED... IT'S BEEN A ROUGH MONTH FOR TESLA. THE ELECTRIC CAR-MAKER'S FOURTH-QUARTER REPORT REVEALED A LARGER-THAN-EXPECTED LOSSES. TESLA REPORTED A LOSS OF 65-CENTS PER SHARE. THE COMPANY'S STOCK PRICE FELL IN AFTER-HOURS TRADING BY ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF PERCENT ON THE NEWS. THIS FOLLOWS A PUBLIC TUSSELE WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES EARLIER THIS MONTH, IN WHICH A REPORTER DOCUMENTED HIS ROAD-TRIP WITH A TESLA. THE DRIVE ENDED EARLY, AFTER HE FAILED TO PLUG-IN THE CAR OVERNIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/25/13 REPORTED... A BIG WIN FOR DRAKES BAY OYSTER COMPANY. TODAY THE COMPANY WAS GRANTED AN INJUNCTION ALLOWING THEM TO STAY OPEN ... FOR NOW. THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT SAID THERE ARE SERIOUS LEGAL QUESTIONS AS WELL AS HARDSHIP ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE MOVING FORWARD. THE BUSINESS IS FACING A FEDERALLY IMPOSED ORDER TO CLOSE. OPPONENTS SAY OYSTER FARMING HURTS THE ENVIRONMENT. SUPPORTERS SAY THE BUSINESS IS GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY. DRAKES EMPLOYS 31 PEOPLE AND SUPPLYS ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA'S OYSTERS. THE RULING WILL BE RECONSIDERED IN MAY.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/6/13 REPORTED... DID YOU FLY OUT OF SFO RECENTLY? 2012 MARKED THE BUSIEST YEAR IN THE AIRPORT'S HISTORY. 44- AND A HALF MILLION TRAVELERS FLEW THROUGH SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LAST YEAR. THAT SET A RECORD FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. SO WHAT'S THEIR SECRET? 97- PERCENT OF THE BAY AREA'S INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS COME THROUGH S-F-O. RECENT RENOVATIONS TO TERMINAL 2 AND VIRGIN AMERICA'S DECISION TO USE S-F-O AS ITS MAIN HUB HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE INCREASE IN TRAVELERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/6/13 REPORTED... CHECK YOUR FLIGHT. THE MASSIVE EAST COAST BLIZZARD -- IS CAUSING MAJOR DELAYS -- AND CANCELLATIONS -- AT SFO. MORE THAN 60 FLIGHTS WERE CANCELLED. MOST OF THOSE WERE

HEADED TO BOSTON, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA. MANY TRAVELERS HAD TO RESCHEDULE THEIR FLIGHTS FOR TOMORROW AND BEYOND. THIS MAN IS LOOKING AT A 16 HOUR DELAY GETTING HOME TO SEE HIS FOUR KIDS IN NEW JERSEY. THE BLIZZARD WILL LIKELY FORCE MORE FLIGHTS TO BE CANCELLED DURING THE WEEKEND. OAKLAND AND SAN JOSE MINETA AIRPORTS HAVE REPORTED MINIMAL IMPACTS FROM THE STORM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/13 REPORTED... THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION SAYS ONE IN FIVE CONSUMERS HAS AN ERROR IN THEIR CREDIT REPORT ISSUED BY A MAJOR AGENCY. THE F-T-C STUDY LOOKED AT CREDIT REPORTS ISSUED BY EQUIFAX, EXPERIAN AND TRANSUNION FOR A THOUSAND CONSUMERS... FIVE PERCENT OF THE CONSUMERS IDENTIFIED ERRORS IN THEIR REPORTS THAT COULD LEAD TO THEM PAYING MORE FOR MORTGAGES, AUTO LOANS AND FINANCIAL PRODUCTS. MOST ECONOMISTS AGREE THAT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR CONSUMERS TO CHECK THEIR REPORTS EVERY YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/13/13 REPORTED... MILLIONS OF UNINSURED CALIFORNIANS WILL SOON BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE, AND TODAY THEY GOT A GLIMPSE OF WHAT TO EXPECT. THE GROUP, *COVERED CALIFORNIA* WAS CREATED AS PART OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. ADMINISTRATORS ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE FOUR BENEFIT PLANS - PLATINUM, GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE, EACH OFFERING DIFFERENT INSURANCE COVERAGE, DEPENDING ON WHAT KIND OF OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS A CLIENT SELECTS. SOME CONSUMERS MAY BE ABLE TO ENROLL FOR A PLAN WHICH WILL CHARGE JUST FOUR-DOLLARS PER OFFICE VISIT. THE STATE'S FIRST OPEN ENROLLMENT WILL LAUNCH IN OCTOBER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/13 REPORTED... ENCOURAGING NEWS TODAY ABOUT THE BAY AREA HOUSING MARKET-- ESPECIALLY IN ALAMEDA COUNTY. DATA-QUICK REPORTS HOME PRICES THERE CLIMBED THE MOST-- UP *29-POINT-TWO PERCENT* IN THE PAST YEAR, PUTTING THE MEDIAN PRICE OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME AT 420-THOUSAND DOLLARS. SANTA CLARA COUNTY WAS JUST A TENTH-OF A POINT BEHIND ALAMEDA COUNTY, BUT THE MEDIAN PRICE IN THE SOUTH BAY IS 605-THOUSAND. REALTORS TELL THE MERCURY NEWS THEY HOPE THE HIGHER PRICES WILL COAX MORE HOMEOWNERS TO SELL, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE MORE BUYERS THAN AVAILABLE HOMES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/15/13 REPORTED... THE EAST BAY CITY OF OAKLEY IS BANNING THE SALE OF AMMUNITION IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS. IT ALL STARTED WHEN A RESIDENT APPROACHED THE CITY ABOUT OPENING A HOME-BASED BUSINESS INVOLVING GUNS. THE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERED BANNING ALL HOME GUN-SMITHING BUSINESSES-- BUT CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL LAW PROMPTED LAWMAKERS TO ABANDON THAT ISSUE. COUNCILMEMBERS COMPROMISED BY VOTING THREE-TO-TWO TO BAN AMMO SALES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/20/13 REPORTED... WATCHING THE WORLD SERIES CHAMPS WILL COST YOU MORE IF YOU WANT TO PARK NEAR THE STADIUM. ON GAME DAYS - THE METERS CLOSEST TO AT&T PARK WILL COST UP TO SEVEN DOLLARS AN HOUR BETWEEN SIX AND TEN PM. THAT'S COMPARED TO JUST 25 CENTS AN HOUR ON NON-GAME DAYS. THOSE RATES WILL VARY BASED ON THE DISTANCE FROM THE BALL PARK. THE NEW RATES GO INTO EFFECT IN MARCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/20/13 REPORTED... THE CHECK'S NOT IN THE MAIL, BUT IT MIGHT BE SOON. A JUDGE'S RULING TODAY COULD RESULT IN CALIFORNIA ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS SEEING MORE THAN A-BILLION DOLLARS IN REFUNDS. THE MONEY WOULD COME FROM ENERGY WHOLESALERS WHICH PROFITED FROM ALL THOSE ROLLING BLACKOUTS BACK IN THE YEAR 2000. THE STATE BOUGHT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS' WORTH OF ELECTRICITY TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON, AND THE JUDGE AGREED WITH CALIFORNIA-- THAT THE PRICES IT PAID WERE ARTIFICIALLY INFLATED BY MORE THAN A-DOZEN WHOLESALERS. THE JUDGE'S DECISION NOW GOES BEFORE THE *FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION.*

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/25/13 REPORTED... NEW QUESTIONS OVER PRIVACY ISSUES AFTER A PUBLIC INTEREST GROUP FILED A NEW LAWSUIT AGAINST GOOGLE. "CONSUMER WATCHDOG" FILED THE COMPLAINT TODAY WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE GROUP SAYS GOOGLE IS IN VIOLATION WITH THE F-T-C BY FAILING TO GIVE CONSUMERS PROPER NOTICE THAT IT WAS SHARING PERSONAL INFORMATION, THE INFORMATION THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IT EMAIL, TELEPHONE AND CREDIT CARD INFORMATION. GOOGLE RESPONDED THAT IT IS IN COMPLIANCE. CONSUMER WATCHDOGS SAYS THE PENALTIES SHOULD REACH INTO THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/13 REPORTED... THE MAN BLAMED FOR ONE OF THE BAY'S BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS NOW WANTS HIS BAR PILOTS LICENSE BACK. AND HE'S SUING THE COAST GUARD TO GET IT. CAPTAIN JOHN COTA WAS IN COMMAND OF THE COSCO BUSAN TANKER WHEN IT SLAMMED INTO THE BAY BRIDGE AND LEAKED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF BUNKER FUEL INTO THE BAY...IN 2007. THE BLAME LARGELY FELL ON HIM -- AND OFFICIALS BEGAN THE PROCESS OF REVOKING HIS *BAR PILOT'S* LICENSE. INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH THAT PROCESS, COTA VOLUNTARILY RETIRED IN 2008. HIS OTHER KEY SAILING CREDENTIALS REMAINED VALID UNTIL THEY EXPIRED IN 2010. THE COAST GUARD REFUSED TO RENEW THEM. COTA BELIVES THAT VIOLATED HIS RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/13 REPORTED... THE MAN WHO PROSECUTORS SAY WANTED TO BOMB AN OAKLAND BANK -- MADE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE TODAY. MATTHEW LLANEZA WAS IN FEDERAL COURT FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES. THE FBI SAYS THEY FOILED LLANEZA'S PLAN TO BOMB A BANK LAST WEEK. THE JUDGE POSTPONED TODAY'S HEARING AFTER LLANEZA'S ATTORNEY CITED HIS HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS AS REASON FOR A COMPETENCY EVALUATION. THE NBC BAY AREA INVESTIGATIVE UNIT FOUND THAT LLANEZA PREVIOUSLY SERVED A-YEAR IN JAIL FOR POSSESSING ILLEGAL WEAPONS. THEY WERE LEGALLY PURCHASED IN ARIZONA BUT AREN'T PERMITTED IN CALIFORNIA. THE F-B-I SAYS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO LLANEZA AS BEING AFFILIATED WITH THE TALIBAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/15/13 REPORTED... A U-C BERKELEY STUDENT HAS *COME OUT* AS AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT IN A NEW VIDEO WHICH JUST MAY "GO VIRAL." IN THE VIDEO, BIO-STATISTICS MAJOR TERENCE PARK USES A PIECE OF CHALK AND HIS MATH SKILLS TO COMPARE THE COSTS OF DEPORTATION VERSUS THE VALUE YOUNG IMMIGRANTS WOULD CONTRIBUTE AS U-S CITIZENS. *THE DREAM IS NOW* CAMPAIGN, LED BY *LAURENE POWELL JOBS*, WIDOW OF STEVE JOBS, PRODUCED THE CLIP TO PROMOTE THE *DREAM ACT.* THE VIDEO ENDS WITH NEWS THAT PARK WAS JUST ACCEPTED TO A MASTER'S PROGRAM AT YALE. *THE DREAM ACT* WOULD OPEN THE PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR PARK AND TWO-MILLION OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE BROUGHT TO THE U-S AS CHILDREN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/13 REPORTED... NEW DETAILS TONIGHT ON THE DEATH OF A PETALUMA TEENAGER. AUTOPSY RESULTS SHOW 19-YEAR-OLD ALYSSA BYRNE DIED OF HYPOTHERMIA, BUT SHE ALSO HAD DRUGS IN HER SYSTEM -- METH AND MULTIPLE PSYCHOACTIVE DRUGS. BYRNE DISAPPEARED IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE FOLLOWING A NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT. A UTILITY WORKER FOUND HER BODY IN A SNOW BANK FOUR DAYS LATER. INVESTIGATORS THINK BYRNE MAY HAVE TRIED TO WALK THREE MILES IN FREEZING WEATHER TO HER HOTEL ... BOOT PRINTS ALSO SUGGESTED SHE WAS DISORIENTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/19/13 REPORTED... THE WOMAN KNOWN AS THE "LIVERMORE HUMMER MOM" IS BACK IN JAIL TONIGHT ...JUST FIVE DAYS AFTER BEING RELEASED. SHE MADE HEADLINES AFTER BEING CONVICTED FOR HAVING SEX WITH TWO UNDERAGE BOYS. 44- YEAR OLD CHRISTINE HUBBS, WHO NOW LIVES IN HAYWARD, WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FRIDAY FOR VIOLATING HER PAROLE BY HAVING PORNOGRAPHY IN HER HOME. HER FAMILY NO LONGER LIVES IN ALAMEDA COUNTY. PAROLE AGENTS DOING A "COMPLIANCE SWEEP", TO SEE IF SHE IS FOLLOWING THE TERMS OF HER RELEASE DISCOVERED THE PORN. HUBBS SERVED LESS THAN HALF OF HER ORIGINAL FIVE YEAR SENTENCE AND IS NOW REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER. THE MOTHER OF TWO -- IS BARRED FROM RETURNING TO LIVERMORE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/21/13 REPORTED... THE RECESSION HAS FORCED A LOT OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO GET CREATIVE ABOUT KEEPING THEIR HOMES----- BUT A PENINSULA MAN HAS THE BOLDEST IDEA OF ALL. HE'S WILLING TO SELL HIS 47-ACRE HILLSBOROUGH ESTATE FOR THE BARGAIN PRICE OF A-HUNDRED-MILLION DOLLARS -- **BUT**-- HERE'S THE CATCH. THE BUYER CAN'T MOVE IN UNTIL AFTER THE 76-YEAR OLD OWNER DIES. THE MAN GREW UP IN THE MANSION, BUILT BY HIS GRANDFATHER IN 1918, AND DOESN'T WANT TO LEAVE -- BUT LIKE MANY WHO LIVE ON A FIXED-INCOME, HE COULD USE THE CASH. THE REALTOR SAYS A COMPARABLE PROPERTY NEARBY RECENTLY SOLD FOR 117-MILLION, SO ANYONE WITH A LOT OF PATIENCE MIGHT CONSIDER GRABBING THE HILLSBOROUGH PROPERTY FOR A MERE HUNDRED MILLION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/27/13 REPORTED... IN AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR N-B-C STATION IN LOS ANGELES TODAY, JEREMY GOULET'S FATHER TALKED ABOUT HIS TROUBLED SON, BUT WOULD ONLY DO SO OFF-CAMERA. RONALD GOULET LIVES IN THE CITY OF ROSAMOND (MUND), IN KERN COUNTY. HE BROKE DOWN IN TEARS, RECALLING JEREMY'S LIFE-LONG BATTLE WITH VOYEURISM. HE SAYS JEREMY WAS SOURED ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AFTER A 2007 ARREST IN PORTLAND, WHERE HE WAS CAUGHT SPYING ON A WOMAN, WHILE SHE WAS SHOWERING. GOULET SAYS THE LEGAL PROBLEMS ALSO DERAILED HIS SON'S MILITARY CAREER, THE FATHER CHOKED-UP AS HE SAID QUOTE "KILLING THOSE COPS WAS JUST UNFORGIVEABLE." HE SAYS HE NEVER DREAMED JEREMY'S RAGE WOULD RESULT IN MURDER. JEREMY GOULET'S TWIN BROTHER GOT A TEXT FROM JEREMY YESTERDAY, AFTER THE TWO OFFICERS WERE KILLED -- READING "I'M IN BIG TROUBLE. I LOVE YOU." FEARING THE WORST, FAMILY MEMBERS CHECKED SANTA CRUZ NEWS REPORTS, AND KNEW JEREMY WAS INVOLVED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/27/13 REPORTED... THE FAMILIES OF TWO EAST BAY CYCLISTS, FEARED KIDNAPPED IN PERU, ARE FINALLY CELEBRATING TONIGHT AFTER CONNECTING WITH THE COUPLE. LATE THIS AFTERNOON, "GARRETT HAND" POSTED A STATUS UPDATE SAYING "I AM ALIVE. HIS GIRLFRIEND JAMIE NEAL POSTED AN APOLOGY FOR WORRYING EVERYONE. NEAL EXPLAINED THEY WERE TRAVELLING THROUGH THE AMAZON AND HAD NO ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY, LET ALONE THE INTERNET. HAND'S FAMILY SHARED THEIR RELIEF WITH REPORTERS A SHORT TIME AGO, AFTER SPEAKING WITH GARRETT ON THE PHONE THIS AFTERNOON. THE FAMILY SAYS THEY'RE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED SPREAD the WORD TO HELP FIND THE COUPLE.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/13 REPORTED... SO WHO IS THE BABY IN THE PICTURE? OKALND POLICE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE THAT OUT AFTER A WOMAN FALSEY REPORTED HER CHILD HAD BEEN TAKEN TRIGGERING AN AMBER ALERT--TURNS OUT SHE DOESNT HAVE A BABY. THIS IS THE PICTURE GIVEN TO POLICE ABOUT 12-THIRTY THIS MORNING, OF A BABY GIRL REPORTELY KIDNAPPED BY HER FATHER. FOR A TIME, POLICE

BELIEVED THAT 56 YEAR OLD KIM TOLEFREE HAD RAMMED HIS CAR INTO HIS WIFE'S CAR AT 94TH AVENUE AND HOLLY STREET... AND MADE OFF WITH THE 18 MONTH OLD AT GUNPOINT. TOLEFREE WAS QUESTIONED BY POLICE AND THEY DISCOVERED THERE WAS NO CHILD ..AND THE WOMAN EVENTUALLY CONFESSED TO MAKING IT ALL UP. OAKLAND POLICE SAY THEY'RE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE MOTIVE FOR THE LIE AND WHAT CHARGES SHE MIGHT FACE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/13 REPORTED... NOW TO NEW DETAILS IN A VIOLENT HOME INVASION IN THE SOUTH BAY. SAN JOSE POLICE NOW HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT ONE OF THE SUSPECTS LOOKS LIKE IN THE ATTACK OF AN ELDERLY WOMAN. INVESTIGATORS SAY A MAN RESEMBLING THIS SKETCH, BEAT UP THE MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTER WHEN THEY CAUGHT HIM AND HIS PARTNER TRYING TO BREAK INTO HER CAR FRIDAY MORNING. THE TWO MEN CHASED THE WOMEN BACK INTO THEIR HOME, AND ASSAULTED THE 74 YEAR OLD WOMAN AGAIN. THE WOMEN WERE FINALLY ABLE TO ESCAPE TO A NEIGHBOR'S HOME. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS, THEN RANSACKED THE HOME AND TOOK OFF. SO FAR, POLICE DO NOT HAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE SECOND SUSPECT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/13 REPORTED... IT APPEARS THIEVES THOUGHT THEY FOUND A NEW WAY TO BURGLARIZE HOMES IN THE EAST BAY AND MINIMIZE THE RISK OF GETTING CAUGHT POLICE SAY THEY MANAGED TO GET THEIR HANDS ON A NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION "HOLD" LIST FROM THE CONTRA COSTA TIMES. THE LIST SHOWS DATES THAT SUBSCRIBERS WANT NEWSPAPER DELIVER TO STOP WHILE THEY'RE OUT OF TOWN. TWO MEN WERE ARRESTED OUTSIDE A LIVERMORE HOME THAT WAS ON THE LIST....AND POLICE SAY THEY'RE LOOKING FOR AT LEAST ONE MORE SUSPECT. IT'S UNCLEAR HOW MANY HOMES ON THE LIST WERE BURGLARIZED AND HOW LONG THE HOMES WERE TARGETED. THE NEWSPAPER SAYS THEY'VE INSTITUTED NEW SECURITY MEASURES TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/13 REPORTED... WE'VE FOLLOWING BREAKING NEWS IN FORESTVILLE. THIS IS A SMALL CITY NORTHWEST OF SANTA ROSA. A STARTLING DISCOVERY: A TRIPLE HOMICIDE. THE SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED TO A HOME ON ROSS STATION ROAD JUST AFTER THREE THIS AFTERNOON. THEY ARE ON THE SCENE NOW WHERE THREE MEN ARE DEAD INSIDE. A SHERIFF'S LIEUTENANT SAYS ALL THE VICTIMS WERE SHOT TO DEATH. WE DON'T YET KNOW THEIR IDENTITIES OR HOW THEY ARE RELATED. WE'LL CONTINUE TO BRING YOU UPDATES ON THIS CASE, AS WE GET THEM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/7/13 REPORTED... A VALLEJO FAMILY IS RECOVERING TONIGHT AFTER TWO MEN IN HOODED SWEATSHIRTS BROKE INTO THEIR HOME AND OPENED FIRE HITTING THREE PEOPLE INSIDE. POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE HOME ON MCDUGAL STREET IN NORTH VALLEJO. THAT'S NEAR SEARS POINT ROAD, WEST OF 80. A MOM, HER ADULT SON AND DAUGHTER WERE INSIDE...THE DAUGHTER SAW THE MEN FIRST AND TRIED TO RUN BUT THEY CHASED HER AND SHOT HER IN THE HAND. THE SON WAS SHOT IN THE FACE, THE MOM IN THE HIP. AFTER THE GUNFIRE, THE MEN RAN. DESPITE THE SEVERITY OF THE INJURIES - ALL ARE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. POLICE SAY THE ATTACK APPEARS TO BE RANDOM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/13 REPORTED... MORE NOW ON THAT DEVELOPING STORY OUT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WHERE THERE IS STILL NO SIGN OF A FORMER L-A COP SUSPECTED OF BEING BEHIND A MURDEROUS RAMPAGE. HEAVY SNOW HAMPERED SEARCH EFFORTS TODAY FOR "CHRISTOPHER DORNER". OFFICERS TRUDGING THROUGH HEAVY SNOW AND FREEZING TEMPERATURES ARE FOCUSING ON AN 8-SQUARE MILE AREA AT BIG BEAR LAKE IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. WE'VE JUST LEARNED THE SUSPECT'S MOTHER MAY OWN SOME LAND IN THE AREA. THE ORDEAL BEGAN SUNDAY, WHEN A WOMAN AND HER FIANCE WERE FOUND MURDERED IN IRVINE. THE WOMAN WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A RETIRED LOS ANGELES POLICE CAPTAIN WHO REPRESENTED DORNER IN A DISCIPLINARY HEARING ...IN WHICH HE WAS EVENTUALLY FIRED FROM THE FORCE. THEN YESTERDAY, POLICE SAY DORNER SHOT-AT 3 OFFICERS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, KILLING ONE. DORNER'S BURNED-OUT VEHICLE WAS FOUND IN THE AREA YESTERDAY, BUT AUTHORITIES SAY IT COULD ALSO BE A

DECOY OR A TRAP.ACCORDING TO A FACEBOOK MANIFESTO, DORNER SAYS HIS ANGER HAS BEEN SIMMERING FOR YEARS ... AND THAT HE IS NOW SEEKING REVENGE FOR BEING FIRED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/13 REPORTED... VANDALS SLASHED THE TIRES ON AT LEAST 60 CARS OVER THE WEEKEND... AND NOW CONCORD POLICE ARE ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP. MANY CARS HAD ALL FOUR TIRES SLASHED. CONCORD POLICE STARTED GETTING CALLS ON SUNDAY MORNING... AND THE DAMAGE KEPT SPREADING. THE VANDALS HIT BEL AIR, MACHADO, AND GLAZIER DRIVE, CAUSING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGE. FRUSTRATED CAR OWNERS SPENT THE DAY CALLING INSURANCE COMPANIES AND GETTING THEIR CARS FIXED. CONCORD POLICE SAY THERE'S NO KNOWN MOTIVE AND NO SUSPECTS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/13/13 REPORTED... TODAY SANTA CLARA COUNTY BECAME THE PART OF THE BAY AREA TO OFFER CASH FOR UNWANTED GUNS. THE SHERIFF, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND ELECTED LEADERS TODAY OUTLINED THEIR *GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAM*. IT WILL TAKE PLACE MARCH-SECOND AT THE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. THE GUNS WILL BE PURCHASED "NO QUESTIONS ASKED". JUST LIKE OTHER RECENT BUY-BACK PROGRAMS, SANTA CLARA COUNTY WILL PAY A-HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH HANDGUN, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN. TWO-HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR ANY ASSAULT WEAPON. OFFICIALS SAY THE RECENT MASS KILLINGS ONLY HIGHLIGHT AN ONGOING PROBLEM. SAN JOSE MAYOR CHUCK REED SAYS ACTION ON THE LOCAL LEVEL IS FINE-- BUT HE BELIVES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO TAKE MORE MEANINGFUL STEPS TO CURB GUN VIOLENCE... INCLUDING UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/19/13 REPORTED... IN ORANGE COUNTY TONIGHT, POLICE STILL DON'T HAVE A MOTIVE IN A DEADLY SHOOTING RAMPAGE THAT LEFT FOUR-DEAD OVER A 25-MILE SPAN. THE FIRST OF THE PRE-DAWN HOMICIDES WAS AT THE GUNMAN'S HOME -- THE VICTIM WAS A WOMAN IN HER 20'S. THE GUNMAN THEN DROVE NORTH, CARJACKING THREE OTHER DRIVERS, KILLING TWO OF THEM. WHEN POLICE STOPPED THE SHOOTER IN THE CITY OF ORANGE, HE COMMITTED SUICIDE IN AN INTERSECTION. POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED HIM AS 20 YEAR OLD "ALI SYED" (sigh-YED), AN UNEMPLOYED, PART-TIME STUDENT WHO LIVED WITH HIS PARENTS AND HAD NO CRIMINAL RECORD. HIS PARENTS, WHO WERE HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL SHOOTING, SAY THEY HAD NEVER BEFORE SEEN THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS KILLED AT THE HOUSE -- AND SHE STILL HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/21/13 REPORTED... POLICE IN THE SOUTH BAY NEED YOUR HELP TO IDENTIFY A SERIAL BANK ROBBER. HE'S BEEN LINKED TO FIVE HEISTS-- STARTING JANUARY 18TH IN CUPERTINO. SINCE THEN, INVESTIGATORS SAY HE'S ROBBED FOUR OTHER BANKS-- --WITH THE LATEST ON TUESDAY IN SANTA CLARA. THEY'RE RELEASING SURVEILLANCE PHOTOS OF HIM "IN ACTION," HOPING SOMEONE WILL RECOGNIZE THE MAN, DESCRIBED AS ABOUT 35-YEARS OLD WITH A MUSCULAR BUILD. THREE OF THE BANKS WERE WELLS FARGO BRANCHES, AND WELLS FARGO IS OFFERING A REWARD OF UP TO FIVE-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ROBBER'S ARREST.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/13 REPORTED... A NEW LONG-TERM STUDY SUGGESTS THE BULLYING OF GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL TEENAGERS SUBSIDES AS THEY GET OLDER. THE SEVEN-YEAR STUDY IN ENGLAND ALSO FOUND THAT YOUNG GAY MEN HAVE IT WORSE THAN THEIR LESBIAN PEERS. IN 2003, JUST OVER HALF SAID THEY'D BEEN BULLIED. BY 2010 THAT DROPPED TO NINE-PERCENT OF GAY AND BISEXUAL BOYS AND SIX-PERCENT OF LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL GIRLS. BUT AS THE STUDY WENT ON, RESEARCHERS NOTED **BIG** SOCIETAL CHANGES IN THE ACCEPTANCE OF GAYS -- AND GROWING INTOLERANCE FOR BULLYING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/13 REPORTED... THE SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL IS GETTING INTO THE BATTLE OVER CALIFORNIA'S BAN ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. TODAY, THE COUNCIL VOTED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE SUPREME COURT... SUPPORTING THOSE WHO HAVE FILED SUIT TO OVERTURN THE STATE'S BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE. COUNCILMAN ASH KALRA SAYS HE'S CONFIDENT SAN JOSE VOTERS SUPPORT THE RIGHT FOR EVERYONE TO MARRY. ON MARCH 26TH THE SUPREME COURT IS SET TO HEAR ARGUEMENTS FOR AND AGAINST PROP 8. THE NEXT DAY THE COURT IS EXPECTED TO HEAR ARGUEMENTS ON WHETHER LEGALLY MARRIED GAY COUPLES HAVE A RIGHT TO EQUAL BENEFITS UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/13 REPORTED... DEFENSE SECRETARY LEON PANETTA IS SET TO EXPAND BENEFITS TO SAME-SEX PARTNERS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL-- BUT THE SECRETARY HAS NOT DECIDED WHICH BENEFITS JUST YET. OFFICIALS SAY THE PENTAGON IS LIKELY TO ALLOW SAME-SEX PARTNERS ACCESS TO THE ON-BASE COMMISSARY AND OTHER MILITARY-SUBSIDIZED STORES, AS WELL AS SOME HEALTH AND WELFARE PROGRAMS. IT'S DOUBTFUL THE PENTAGON COULD OFFER MEDICAL, DENTAL AND HOUSING ALLOWANCES. FULL BENEFITS REQUIRE THE REPEAL OF THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT -- THE LAW DEFINING MARRIAGE AS THE UNION OF A MAN AND A WOMAN. DESPITE LIFTING THE BAN ON OPENLY GAY AND LESBIAN TROOPS, THE PENTAGON STILL CANNOT RECOGNIZE THEIR MARRIAGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/6/13 REPORTED... A DECISION ON WHETHER TO ALLOW GAYS IN THE "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA" HAS BEEN POSTPONED. TODAY, THE ORGANIZATION'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCED IT WILL DELAY ITS DECISION ON WHETHER TO ALLOW LOCAL TROOPS TO CREATE THEIR OWN RULES ON GAY MEMBERSHIP. AFTER A FLOOD OF COMMENTS, THE BOARD SAYS IT NEEDS MORE TIME TO STUDY AND DELIBERATE ITS MEMBERSHIP POLICY. THE GROUP WILL TAKE-UP THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE AGAIN IN MAY, AT THE BOY SCOUTS' ANNUAL MEETING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/20/13 REPORTED... A GAY BOY SCOUT FROM MORAGA IS THE INSPIRATION BEHIND A "FIRST OF ITS KIND" BILL BEING INTRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA. SENATOR RICARDO LARA FROM BELL GARDENS INTRODUCED THE BILL. IT WOULD REVOKE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE BOY SCOUTS IF IT INCLUDES POLICIES THAT DISCRIMINATE. THIS COMES AS THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IS CONSIDERING CHANGING ITS POLICY BARRING PEOPLE IN THE LGBT COMMUNITY FROM SERVING AS SCOUTS OR SCOUT LEADERS. IF THE NEW MEASURE IS PASSED IT WOULD BE THE FIRST SUCH LAW IN THE COUNTRY. LARA SAYS HE INTRODUCED THE BILL AFTER HE HEARD THE STORY OF SCOUT RYAN ANDRESEN, WHO WAS DENIED THE TOP RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT BECAUSE HE IS GAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/21/13 REPORTED... WHEN THE U-S SUPREME COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE NEXT MONTH, THE ARGUMENTS OF TWO CALIFORNIA COUPLES WILL BE AMONG THOSE THE JUSTICES CONSIDER. THE GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES WHO FILED THE SUPREME COURT BRIEF ARE THE SAME FOUR PEOPLE WHO LED THE LEGAL CHALLENGE AGAINST PROP-EIGHT. THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO ALSO FILED A BRIEF TODAY ARGUING THAT PROP 8 WAS DISCRIMINATORY. PROP 8 -- BANNED SAME SEX MARRIAGE. THE SUPREME COURT WILL HEAR THE CASE -- ON MARCH 26TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/26/13 REPORTED... A BAY AREA CUB SCOUT TROOP -- IS BREAKING AWAY FROM THE PACK. AND IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CONTROVERSIAL POLICY REGARDING GAY SCOUTS AND LEADERS. ON PACK 78'S WEBSITE... A MESSAGE PROMISES TO WELCOME ALL BOYS REGARDLESS OF THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. THE LOS ALTOS CUB SCOUT LEADERS SAY THAT IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT THEY DISCUSS WITH THEIR SIX- TO EIGHT-YEAR OLD CUB SCOUTS... IT'S ABOUT SENDING A MESSAGE TO FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITY. AT THE SAME TIME THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA GRAPPLES WITH IT'S POLICY... THE CALIFORNIA SENATE IS CONSIDERING A BILL THAT COULD COST THE BOY SCOUTS MONEY. THE "YOUTH EQUALITY ACT" WOULD REVOKE THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF

ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXCLUDE GAY MEMBERS. A PETITION IN SUPPORT HAS MORE THAN TEN-THOUSAND SIGNATURES. THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SAID IT WOULD ANNOUNCE ITS POLICY ON GAY SCOUTS AND LEADERS IN MAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/27/13 REPORTED... THE U-S SUPREME COURT JUST WEEKS AWAY FROM HEARING CALIFORNIA'S PROP-EIGHT, STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS HAS FILED HER ARGUMENTS WITH THE COURT. SHE CLAIMS THE BACKERS OF PROP-EIGHT, WHICH BANS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, HAVE NO LEGAL STANDING IN THE CASE. HARRIS CLAIMS THE GROUP, *PROTECT MARRIAGE* ISN'T HURT BY THE PRACTICE OF ALLOWING SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY, AND SINCE THEY HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE LAWS, THEY HAVE NO STANDING IN WHETHER THE LAW SHOULD BE REPEALED. THE HIGH COURT WILL HEAR ARGUMENTS ON THE ISSUE --ON MARCH 26TH.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/13 REPORTED... NOW THAT ALL THE LOGISTICS ARE WORKED OUT, CLASSES WILL SOON BE IN SESSION AT A NEW UNIVERSITY IN SAN MATEO. VENTURE CAPITALIST TIM DRAPER GOT FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE SCHOOL, FROM THE CITY LAST NIGHT. "THE DRAPER UNIVERSITY OF HEROES" WILL BE OPERATED OUT OF TWO BUILDINGS ON THIRD AVENUE. IT'S AN UNCONVENTIONAL SCHOOL, WHICH DOES NOT OFFER DIPLOMAS, BUT IT DOES TEACH ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS. DRAPER PAID MORE THAN 15 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE BUILDINGS. HE'LL PAY AN ADDITIONAL 30-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FUND AN AGENCY TO MANAGE TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS. THE SCHOOL IS SLATED TO OPEN IN APRIL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/6/13 REPORTED... AN OLD SCHOOL DONATION -- FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY. IT'S BEEN A GOOD DAY FOR SAN JOSE STATE. THE UNIVERSITY'S *SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS* TODAY CELEBRATED A NEARLY NINE-MILLION DOLLAR DONATION -- FROM WHAT'S LITERALLY AN *OLD SCHOOL SOURCE.* EMMA AND JACK ANDERSON OWNED THE PRINTING COMPANY WHERE THE SCHOOL'S DAILY NEWSPAPER WAS PUBLISHED FOR 20-YEARS. AS SILICON VALLEY RESIDENTS, THEY SAW HOW THE WORLD OF COMMUNICATIONS WAS CHANGING, AND KNEW THE SCHOOL WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE WITH IT. SAN JOSE STATE'S *SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS* IS RANKED AMONG THE 50 BEST IN THE NATION BY *COLLEGE MEDIA MATTERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/6/13 REPORTED... NEW EVIDENCE THAT SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT THE ISSUE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS MISAPPROPRIATING MONEY MEANT FOR LOW-INCOME FOOD PROGRAMS.... MAY BE MORE WIDESPREAD THAN FIRST THOUGHT. A SENATE OVERSIGHT REPORT RELEASED TODAY FINDS THAT BECAUSE CALIFORNIA DOESN'T MONITOR HOW THE SCHOOL-DISTRICTS SPEND THEIR CAFETERIA MONEY, IT'S HARD TO TRACK WHICH DISTRICTS BREAK THE RULES. RECENTLY, WHISTLEBLOWERS LED THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ORDER EIGHT DISTRICTS TO REPAY 170-MILLION DOLLARS TO THE SUBSIDIZED MEAL PROGRAMS. THE SENATE REPORT FOUND THE DISTRICTS WERE ALL CASH-STRAPPED AND DIVERTED THE MONEY TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND OTHER EXPENSES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/15/13 REPORTED... PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL COULD SOON BE GETTING A MAJOR UPGRADE... THANKS TO AN ANONYMOUS DONATION. A DONOR HAS OFFERED TO FOOT THE BILL TO REPLACE THE OUTDATED INDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH COULD COST UPWARDS OF 20-MILLION DOLLARS. THE SCHOOL BOARD SAYS THE DONOR IS A PARENT OF A STUDENT IN THE DISTRICT. THE NEW FACILITIES WOULD INCLUDE TWO GYMNASIUMS, A WRESTLING ROOM, DANCE STUDIO, WEIGHT ROOM AND CLASSROOMS. IF THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES THE PLANS NEXT MONTH, CONSTRUCTION COULD START AS SOON AS MAY OF NEXT YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/20/13 REPORTED... BIG MONEY -- ON THE FARM. STANFORD BECAME THE FIRST COLLEGE TO RAISE MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN A SINGLE YEAR. IT PAYS TO HAVE WEALTHY ALUMNI. STANFORD'S RECORD BREAKING FUNDRAISING IS THE RESULT OF 79-THOUSAND DONORS. STANFORD SIGNIFICANTLY OUT-PACED SECOND PLACE HARVARD WHICH BROUGHT IN 650 MILLION AND THIRD PLACE YALE WITH ABOUT 500 MILLION. AS FOR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES, U-C BERKELEY WAS THE LEADING FUNDRAISER -- BRINGING IN \$405M.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/21/13 REPORTED... AS FOR THE COST OF GETTING COLLEGE CREDIT FOR THE COURERA COURSE, IT'S NOT CLEAR YET WHAT THE UNIVERSITIES MIGHT CHARGE. A FOLLOW UP NOW TO A STORY CLASS ACTION BROUGHT YOU TWO WEEKS AGO ABOUT A PROPOSED PLAN TO OVERHAUL THE STATE'S STANDARDIZED TESTS ...DITCHING THE BUBBLE TESTS FOR A NEW MORE IN DEPTH COMPUTERIZED TEST. YESTERDAY IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE STATE THAT MORE THAN 1,100 CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS WILL BE PILOT TESTING THE SMARTER BALANCED TESTS THRU MAY. SCHOOLS IN SAN MATEO, CUPERTINO AND SAN JOSE ARE ALL TAKING PART. THE STATE WANTS ALL 6 MILLION CALIFORNIA STUDENTS TAKING THIS NEW ASSAESSMNET BY THE 20-14 -2015 SCHOOL YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/25/13 REPORTED... NEW RESEARCH SHOWS THE U-S IS ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE A 90 PERCENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE BY 2020 FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE "BUILDING A GRAD NATION REPORT"- FOUND SCHOOLS ARE FINDING THE GREATEST SUCCESS WHEN THEY HAVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT- AND CREATE INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAMS THAT TARGET HIGH RISK STUDENTS. 20 STATES HAVE REACHED OR ON PACE TO REACH A 90 PERCENT GRADUATION RATE BY 2020. CALIFORNIA WAS ABLE TO HALT IT'S DECLINING GRADUATION RATE AND IS NOW ONE OF THE STATES ON TRACK. CALIFORNIA WAS ALSO ONE OF THE STATES THAT SAW THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN GRADUATION GROWTH RATE. DESPITE THE PROGRESS, THE "BUILDING A GRAD NATION" REPORT FOUND DISPARITIES CONTINUE FOR MINORITIES AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. POWELL SAYS CREATING A NATION OF LEADERS WILL MEAN GIVING EVEN THE WEAKEST STUDENT A FIGHTING CHANCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/13 REPORTED... AN ARTICLE IN A STUDENT NEWSPAPER, QUESTIONING THE RELEVANCY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, SPARKED A RALLY TODAY AT SAN JOSE STATE. THE RALLY ENDED UP AT THE FAMOUS "BLACK POWER" STATUE ON CAMPUS. IT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED AS A MARCH TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, BUT THEN THIS ARTICLE CAME OUT IN THE "SPARTAN DAILY" TITLED, "BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS REDUNDANT." SOME STUDENTS TOLD US THEY WERE OFFENDED BY THE ARTICLE. IN ADDITION TO THE CAMPUS OF SAN JOSE STATE, THE ARTICLE WAS DISCUSSED PASSIONATELY ON TWITTER AS WELL.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/13 REPORTED... THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY HAS APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF 29 CLEAN ENERGY BUSES. THE NEARLY 33 MILLION DOLLAR BUSES WILL REPLACE OLDER TRANSIT BUSES RUNNING ON EL CAMINO REAL. THE NEW BUSES WILL BE POWERED BY HYBRID DIESEL TECHNOLOGY -- WITH MUCH LOWER EMISSIONS THAN REGULAR DIESEL. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL HAVE A 25 PERCENT BETTER FUEL ECONOMY, FEATURE ADDITIONAL BICYCLE SPACE AND WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH FREE 4G WI-FI ACCESS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/6/13 REPORTED... GREAT WHITE SHARKS ARE NOT ONLY DANGEROUS-- TODAY THEY BECAME ENDANGERED AS WELL. IN A UNANIMOUS VOTE TODAY, THE STATE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION AGREED TO CONSIDER ADDING THE SHARK TO THE STATE'S ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST. THAT AUTOMATICALLY PROTECTS THEM UNTIL THE FINAL DECISION IS MADE NEXT YEAR. RECENT STUDIES HAVE

SHOWN THE NUMBER OF "GREAT-WHITES" HAS DROPPED AS LOW AS 220 -- WORLDWIDE. THE PRIMARY KILLER OF THE SHARKS IS COMMERCIAL FISHING NETS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/13/13 REPORTED... IT LOOKS LIKE A HARMLESS SEED BUT IT HAS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR CALIFORNIA CROPS. AND IT WAS FOUND FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER IN THE U-S AT THE PORT OF OAKLAND. A ROUTINE INSPECTION ON A SHIP AT THE PORT OF OAKLAND IN JANUARY FOUND SEEDS FROM CAPEWEED. THE INVASIVE WEED COULD HAVE A POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING EFFECT ON CALIFORNIA'S AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY. U-S OFFICIALS SAY CAPEWEED COMPETES WITH CROPS FOR WATER, NUTRIENTS AND LIGHT. THE SEEDS WERE FOUND ON DRIED FLOWERS COMING FROM AUSTRALIA. THE DRIED FLOWERS WERE DESTROYED. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE SEEDS ACCIDENTALLY GOT INTO THE FLOWERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/20/13 REPORTED... THERE ARE SEVERAL RECENT CASES OF ANIMAL CRUELTY ON THE PENINSULA. TONIGHT, A THOUSAND-DOLLAR REWARD IS BEING OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THE PERSON WHO SHOT A RACCOON IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO. SUNDAY MORNING A NEIGHBOR REPORTED THE INJURED ANIMAL ON PALM AVENUE, LESS THAN A-MILE FROM HIGHWAY 101. THE PENINSULA HUMANE SOCIETY RUSHED IT TO THE WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER, WHERE STAFF MEMBERS FOUND IT HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE HEAD. THEY HAD TO EUTHANIZE IT. THEY SAY THIS MARKS A-DOZEN ANIMALS SHOT SINCE DECEMBER, INCLUDING A FALCON, TWO CROWS, AND ANOTHER RACCOON IN PALO ALTO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/22/13 REPORTED... THERE'S A NEW PUSH TO STOP THE USE OF STYROFOAM IN SAN JOSE. AND HERE'S WHY. TAKE A CLOSE LOOK. ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS SAY THIS IS EVIDENCE THAT SAN JOSE NEEDS TO BAN STYROFOAM CONTAINERS. THIS "STORMWATER CAPTURE DEVICE" IS DESIGNED TO FILTER-OUT GARBAGE FROM 60-ACRES OF STORM WATER RUN-OFF. ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, ALONG WITH SAN JOSE CITY COUNCILMEMBER SAM LICCARDO, GATHERED TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE BAN. THE SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE NEXT TUESDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/22/13 REPORTED... FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 140 YEARS... AN OAKLAND WATERWAY IS OPEN TO BOATERS. MAYOR JEAN QUAN GAVE THE SIGNAL FOR A PARADE OF BOATS TO START DOWN A RECENTLY OPENED CHANNEL... AT LAKE MERRITT. THE 750 FOOT CHANNEL WAS DAMMED-UP IN THE MID- 1800s. THE CITY REMOVED THE DAM AS PART OF A BOND MEASURE PASSED TEN YEARS AGO. IN A FEW YEARS THE CITY PLANS TO KNOCK DOWN OTHER DAMS... SO BOATERS CAN TRAVEL ALL THE WAY TO THE OAKLAND ESTUARY. THE CITY WILL KICK-OFF THE NEXT PHASE OF THE DAM DEMOLITION, IN JUST A FEW MONTHS. IT'S EXPECTED TO TAKE THREE YEARS TO OPEN UP THE CHANNEL TO THE ESTUARY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/26/13 REPORTED... SAN JOSE COULD LEAD THE COUNTRY IN A MOVE TO KEEP WATERWAYS CLEANER. THE CITY VOTED 9 TO 2 TODAY ON LANDMARK LEGISLATION TO HALT THE USE OF STYROFOAM CONTAINERS. THOSE IN SUPPORT OF THE BAN SAY THE CONTAINERS CAN CLOG LOCAL CREEKS AND THREATEN THE HEALTH OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY. THE ORDINANCE WOULD PHASE OUT THE USE OF ALL STYROFOAM CONTAINERS STARTING NEXT JANUARY. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF "SAVE THE BAY" SAYS BY BANNING STYROFOAM CONTAINERS HE HOPES OTHER CITIES LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY WILL FOLLOW SUIT. THE NEXT STEP WILL BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT THAT WILL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/27/13 REPORTED... WHAT A MESS. HOMEOWNERS IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE STILL CLEANING UP AFTER A WATERMAIN BROKE SENDING A WALL OF MUD INTO THE STREETS. A 16 INCH PIPE BURST OVERNIGHT AND CAUSED A HUGE SINKHOLE. THE MUD FROM IT SURROUNDED AT LEAST A DOZEN CARS AND DAMAGED 23 HOMES NEAR 15TH AND WAWONA...IN WEST PORTAL. MUD AND WATER FILLED GARAGES AND

DOWNSTAIRS BEDROOMS WITH MORE THAN 2 FEET HIGH OF WATER. A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE CITY PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SAYS EARLY ON AT LEAST 6 HOMES WERE YELLOW TAGGED...MEANING THEY MAY HAVE SETTLING ISSUES AND NEED FURTHER INSPECTION. THE PIPE WAS 61 YEARS OLD AND IT'S STILL UNCLEAR WHY IT BROKE. THE SPOKESPERSON SAYS THE CITY WILL COVER DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE RUPTURE.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/6/13 REPORTED... GOVERNOR BROWN TRAVELED NORTH -- TO COLUSA COUNTY TODAY-- TO PITCH HIS PLAN TO RE-SHAPE CALIFORNIA'S WATER-DELIVERY SYSTEM. HE'S TRYING TO SELL SKEPTICS ON A 14-BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT, WHICH WOULD TUNNEL BELOW THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA. HE SAYS THE HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD LEVEES PROTECTING THE SACRAMENTO RIVER DELTA WOULD NOT WITHSTAND AN EARTHQUAKE OR RISE IN SEA LEVELS, SO THE STATE HAS TO WORK NOW TO CREATE A SECURE, RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY. AFTER HIS SPEECH, SEVERAL FARMERS SAID THEY WERE WARY OF THE TUNNEL PROJECT, FEARING IT WOULD SIPHON MORE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER TO FARMS AND CITIES IN THE SOUTHERN PARTS OF THE STATE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/7/13 REPORTED... A SWEEPING IMMIGRATION OVERHAUL TAKING SHAPE IN THE U-S SENATE, WOULD CREATE A TEN-YEAR PATH TO LEGAL RESIDENCY. THAT'S FAR SHORTER THAN THE CURRENT WAIT WHICH CAN BE UP TO 25 YEARS. NOTHING IS DECIDED YET. A GROUP OF FOUR REPUBLICAN AND FOUR DEMOCRATIC SENATORS MET TWICE THIS WEEK. PRESIDENT OBAMA WANTS THE FINAL BILL ON HIS DESK BY MARCH. THE NEW LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED TO IMMEDIATELY GRANT PROVISIONAL LEGAL STATUS TO MANY OF THE ESTIMATED 11-MILLION UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS. BUT IT WOULD NOT INSTANTLY GIVE THEM GREEN CARDS. INSTEAD, THEY'D HAVE TO GO TO THE BACK OF THE LINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/13 REPORTED... A STATE AUDITOR SAYS A REVIEW OF CALIFORNIA'S PARKS AND REC'S BUDGET REVEALS DEEP DYSFUNCTION IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE FINDINGS RELEASED TODAY ARE A RESULT OF AN INVESTIGATION AFTER 54-MILLION DOLLARS WERE FOUND HIDDEN LAST YEAR IN TWO SPECIAL FUNDS. THE AUDIT REVEALS PARKS AND REC DOES NOT KNOW HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO OPERATE EACH OF ITS PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATIONAL AREAS. AND, THEIR OPERATING COSTS WERE BASED ON 10-YEAR-OLD FIGURES. GOVERNOR BROWN APPOINTED A NEW DIRECTOR TO OVERSEE PARK OPERATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT IS DEVELOPING A NEW BUDGET THAT WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC OPERATING COSTS FOR INDIVIDUAL PARKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/13 REPORTED... FIRST IT WAS TEXAS GOVERNOR RICK PERRY ... NOW IOWA GOVERNOR TERRY BRANSTAD IS HEADED TO CALIFORNIA TO DO SOME RECRUITING OF HIS OWN. GOVERNOR BRANSTAD CALLS THE GOLDEN STATE A "HAPPY HUNTING GROUND". HE WANTS WEST COAST BUSINESSES TO CONSIDER SETTING UP SHOP IN IOWA. BRANSTAD WILL SPEND THE WEEK IN CALIFORNIA, BUT HE WON'T SAY WHAT BUSINESSES HE'LL BE COURTING. HE SAYS IOWA'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE COMMERCIAL TAXES SHOULD MAKE THE STATE ATTRACTIVE. JUST LAST WEEK, GOVERNOR PERRY VISITED THE BAY AREA TO MEET WITH ENTREPRENEURS AND BUSINESS LEADERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/13 REPORTED... ONE OF THE BAY AREA'S MOST POPULAR EVENTS...MIGHT BE GROUNDED. SAN FRANCISCO'S *FLEET WEEK*, APPEARS TO BE THREATENED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S AUTOMATIC SPENDING CUTS. IF CONGRESS FAILS TO BLOCK THE AUTOMATIC MARCH FIRST CUTS TO THE PENTAGON BUDGET, THE NAVY WILL GROUND THE BLUE ANGELS PRECISION FLYING TEAM. THAT'S ACCORDING TO AN INTERNAL NAVY MEMO. THE BLUE ANGELS PERFORM IN 30 U-S CITIES EACH YEAR, INCLUDING SAN FRANCISCO. WHILE THE ANGELS ARE JUST **ONE PART** OF FLEET WEEK, THEY'RE

CONSIDERED THE BIGGEST DRAW, AND A KEY REASON WHY A-MILLION PEOPLE SPEND THAT WEEKEND IN SAN FRANCISCO EVERY YEAR, LENDING A BIG BOOST TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/19/13 REPORTED... MORE TRAINING WILL BE COMING FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS. THE MOVE COMES AFTER MORE THAN 400 UNCOUNTED VOTE-BY MAIL-BALLOTS WERE FOUND IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. ELECTION OFFICIALS SAY THEY WERE MISPLACED ON A SHELF IN A SUPPLY CLOSET. THE STATE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS SAYS THE PROBLEM STARTED BECAUSE THE BAG THEY WERE IN, WAS NOT LABELED. THE 400 VOTES WOULD NOT HAVE CHANGED THE RESULTS OF ANY RACE IN THE 2012 ELECTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/19/13 REPORTED... PUTTING UP WITH POT ? NOT IF CITY LEADERS GET THEIR WAY. THE CITY OF PITTSBURG IS EXPECTED TO VOTE TONIGHT ON WHETHER TO BAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES WITHIN CITY LIMITS. THE CITY COUNCIL BELIEVES MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES ARE "PUBLIC NUISANCES." A CITY STAFF REPORT SAYS THEY BRING VIOLENT CRIME, INCREASED NOISE AND FOOT TRAFFIC FROM NON-RESIDENTS. IF GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL TONIGHT -- THE NEW LAW WILL TAKE EFFECT IN 30 DAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/19/13 REPORTED... DOPED UP AND DRIVING ...IT'S A MAJOR PROBLEM IN CALIFORNIA. NOW A NEW BILL IS MOVING FORWARD AIMED AT CRACKING DOWN ON DRIVERS WHO GET BEHIND THE WHEEL WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS. UNLIKE THE POINT-OH-8 BLOOD ALCOHOL STANDARD FOR DRUNK DRIVING -- THERE IS NO STATUTORY THRESHOLD FOR DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SENATOR LOU CORREA INTRODUCED THE BILL THAT WOULD MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A WIDE ARRAY OF DRUGS, INCLUDING SOME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. THE LEGISLATION WOULD CREATE A STEP SYSTEM FOR PROSECUTED DRIVERS -- IT DID EXCLUDE DRUGS USED WITH A VALID PRESCRIPTION ISSUED BY A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/25/13 REPORTED... THE CITY OF SAN JOSE SAYS ITS WORKING ON A PLAN TO FIX BAD ROADS. UNFORTUNATELY PART OF THE PLAN INCLUDES YOU FOOTING THE BILL. THE CITY SAYS NEARLY A QUARTER OF ITS ROADWAYS ARE IN POOR CONDITION, AND BY 20-20, *EVERY* ROAD WOULD BE IN THAT CATEGORY. SO HOW TO FIX IT ? WITH A TAX.. CITY LEADERS ARE PROPOSING A SERIES OF TAXES TO HELP INCREASE FUNDING FOR ROADWORK. THE POSSIBLE TAXES INCLUDE A QUARTER-- OR HALF-CENT SALES TAX INCREASE, AS WELL AS A BOND MEASURE THAT WOULD COST THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER ABOUT 100- DOLLARS A YEAR. CITY OFFICIALS WILL MEET BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 5TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/27/13 REPORTED... THE JOB MARKET, THE ECONOMY AND THE HOUSING MARKET ARE JUST THREE OF THE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED TONIGHT AT OAKLAND'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS. MAYOR JEAN QUAN IS EXPECTED TO DELIVER AN UPBEAT AND OPTIMISTIC PICTURE OF THE EAST BAY CITY. QUAN HAS BEEN IN OFFICE SINCE 20-11 AND HAS SAID THE CITY IS IN ITS BEST FINANCIAL SHAPE IN A DECADE BUT SHE WILL ALSO HAVE TO ADDRESS THE CITY'S BIGGEST PROBLEM. THE CRIME RATE HAS INCREASED IN EACH OF THE TWO YEARS SHE HAS SERVED AS MAYOR. TONIGHT'S MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7-O'CLOCK AT OAKLAND CITY HALL.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/13 REPORTED... A NEW COMPROMISE MEANS ANY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION MAY NO LONGER BE *REQUIRED TO COVER THE COST OF BIRTH CONTROL AS PART OF THEIR INSURANCE PLANS. A REVISED PROPOSAL BY THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION, SAYS WOMEN WHO WORK FOR *ANY* RELIGIOUS-

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS CAN GET CONTRACEPTIVES FROM AN OUTSIDE INSURER AT NO COST TO THE EMPLOYER. ORIGINALLY, CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES WERE EXEMPTED, BUT OTHER EMPLOYERS WITH RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS -- INCLUDING CATHOLIC HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS -- WERE NOT. THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY HOPES THESE NEW RULES WILL SATISFY THOSE WHO HAD OBJECTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/13 REPORTED... NEW RESEARCH TODAY FINDS MEN WHO TAKE A DAILY DOSE OF MORE THAN A THOUSAND MILLIGRAMS OF CALCIUM **FROM SUPPLEMENTS** HAD AN INCREASED RISK OF DEATH FROM HEART DISEASE. THE STUDY FOLLOWED NEARLY 400-THOUSAND PEOPLE... AGED 50 TO 71... FOR 12 YEARS. THESE RESULTS WERE SPECIFICALLY IN MEN AND SPECIFICALLY FOR CALCIUM FROM SUPPLEMENTS. ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE U-S -- 50 PERCENT OF MEN AND 70 PERCENT OF WOMEN -- USE CALCIUM SUPPLEMENTS... OFTEN FOR BONE HEALTH. EXPERTS SAY THE MESSAGE IS THERE MAY BE RISKS TO TAKING HIGH DOSES OF CALCIUM. PEOPLE SHOULD AVOID CALCIUM SUPPLEMENTS AND INSTEAD EAT FOODS HIGH IN CALCIUM SUCH AS SKIM MILK AND GREEK YOGURT AND FORTIFIED ORANGE JUICE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/13 REPORTED... NEW RESEARCH SHOWS SMOKING RATES ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER AMONG ADULTS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS. A NEW REPORT FROM THE C-D-C FINDS ADULTS WITH SOME FORM OF MENTAL ILLNESS HAVE SEVENTY PERCENT HIGHER SMOKING RATES THAN THOSE WITHOUT AN ILLNESS. THEY SMOKE MORE CIGARETTES EACH MONTH AND ARE LESS LIKELY TO QUIT. EXPERTS SAY ONE IN FIVE AMERICANS HAS A MENTAL ILLNESS -- DEFINED AS A MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL OR EMOTIONAL DISORDER. RESEARCHERS SAY THE DATA SHOWS THAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO HELP THOSE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS BREAK THE NICOTINE HABIT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/13 REPORTED... A NEW PROPOSAL THAT COULD CHANGE THE WAY PARENTS CLOTHE THEIR BABIES AND FURNISH THEIR ROOMS. CALIFORNIA HEALTH OFFICIALS OUTLINED NEW REGULATIONS TODAY THAT WOULD STOP REQUIRING FURNITURE AND BABY PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS TO USE FLAME RETARDANTS. THE CHANGE WAS PROPOSED AFTER COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF CHEMICALS USED IN FLAME RETARDANT PRODUCTS. CALIFORNIA IS THE ONLY STATE WITH A MANDATORY FLAMMABILITY STANDARD FOR RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/6/13 REPORTED... IN HEALTH MATTERS -- SMOKING MARIJUANA MAY INCREASE THE RISK OF STROKE IN PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 55. A NEW STUDY OUT OF AUSTRIA FOUND YOUNG STROKE PATIENTS WERE ABOUT TWO TIMES MORE LIKELY TO HAVE CANNABIS IN THEIR SYSTEM. POT IS GENERALLY PERCEIVED AS HAVING FEW SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS... BUT RESEARCHERS SAY THESE FINDINGS COULD SUGGEST OTHERWISE. THE STUDY FOUND MARIJUANA USE HAS EFFECTS ON THE HEART AND BLOOD VESSELS - MAKING A LINK WITH STROKE MORE LIKELY. HOWEVER, THEY ALSO NOTE MORE RESEARCH NEEDS TO BE DONE TO DETERMINE ANY DEFINITIVE LINK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/13 REPORTED... MANY VITAMIN D SUPPLEMENTS MAY NOT CONTAIN THE AMOUNT THEIR LABEL SAYS THEY DO. A NEW STUDY INDICATES SOME PILLS PACK A LOT MORE VITAMIN D THAN THE LABEL STATES, AND OTHERS CONTAIN MUCH LESS. DOCTORS SAY IT'S HARD TO OVERDOSE ON THE VITAMIN -- AND THEIR CONCERN IS WITH SUPPLEMENTS THAT PROVIDE LESS. PATIENTS PRESCRIBED VITAMIN D MIGHT NOT BE GETTING ENOUGH. DOCTORS SAY LOOK FOR U-S-P VERIFIED PRODUCTS OR GO WITH WELL-KNOWN BRANDS. A NATURAL WAY TO INCREASE LEVELS IS TO SPEND TIME IN THE SUN. WALKING THE DOG OR STROLLS IN THE PARK CAN BOOST LEVELS AND HELP LOSE WEIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/13/13 REPORTED... A NEW SARS-LIKE VIRUS IS BEING REPORTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND BRITAIN -- NOW RESEARCHERS SUSPECT IT CAN SPREAD FROM PERSON-TO-PERSON. THE VIRUS CAUSES SEVERE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, FEVER AND COUGH. SO FAR ONLY ELEVEN CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED -- AND A MAJORITY OF

THE PATIENTS HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST. FIVE HAVE DIED -- AND THE SURVIVING SIX PEOPLE SPENT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME IN THE HOSPITAL. THE MOST RECENT CASE REPORTED TO AUTHORITIES INVOLVES A FAMILY MEMBER OF ANOTHER PATIENT -- PROVING THE VIRUS CAN SPREAD FROM PERSON-TO-PERSON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/13 REPORTED... LONGER, LOW INTENSITY EXERCISE MAY HAVE MORE HEALTH BENEFITS THAN SHORTER, MORE INTENSE WORKOUTS. RESEARCHERS HAD A GROUP OF YOUNG ADULTS DO EITHER NO EXERCISE, ONE HOUR OF INTENSE EXERCISE, OR SEVERAL HOURS OF WALKING AND STANDING EVERY DAY. THEY FOUND THE VIGOROUS AND LOW INTENSITY EXERCISE GROUPS BURNED THE SAME AMOUNT OF CALORIES, BUT THE LOW INTENSITY GROUP HAD SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER CHOLESTEROL AND INSULIN LEVELS. THIS SUGGESTS MORE WALKING AND STANDING MAY BE A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO CONTROL OBESITY AND DIABETES THAN SHORTER BURSTS OF ENERGY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/15/13 REPORTED... WE ALREADY KNOW SMOKING AND OBESITY ARE RISK FACTORS FOR CANCER -- COULD WE BE ADDING ALCOHOL TO THAT LIST AS WELL? A NEW STUDY FROM BOSTON UNIVERSITY FINDS DRINKING ALCOHOL CAUSES TWENTY THOUSAND CANCER DEATHS EACH YEAR. BREAST CANCER HAS THE MOST ALCOHOL-RELATED CASES, AT SIX THOUSAND DEATHS A YEAR. MOUTH, THROAT, ESOPHAGUS AND LIVER CANCERS ARE ALSO RELATED TO DRINKING ALCOHOL. WHILE THE RESEARCHERS FOUND THE RISK FOR CANCER INCREASED THE MORE A PATIENT DRANK -- ONE OUT OF THREE REPORTED HAVING JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN ONE SERVING OF ALCOHOL EACH DAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/13 REPORTED... INSTEAD OF PILLS - HOW ABOUT PUNCTURE? YOU MIGHT HAVE A NEW OPTION -- IF YOU SUFFER FROM SEASONAL ALLERGIES. A NEW STUDY FINDS ACUPUNCTURE MAY BE AN EFFECTIVE ALLERGY TREATMENT. MORE THAN 400 ALLERGY SUFFERERS HAD EITHER ACUPUNCTURE WITH ACCESS TO ALLERGY MEDICATION, A SHAM ACUPUNCTURE PROCEDURE WITH ACCESS TO MEDICATION, OR MEDICATION ONLY. RESEARCHERS FOUND THOSE TREATED WITH ACUPUNCTURE REPORTED FEWER SYMPTOMS AND USED LESS MEDICINE. MORE STUDIES ARE PLANNED TO SEE WHETHER PATIENT EXPECTATIONS ABOUT ACUPUNCTURE AFFECTED THE RESULTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/22/13 REPORTED... TODAY THE FDA APPROVED A NEW BREAST CANCER DRUG, DEVELOPED HERE IN THE BAY AREA. ONCOLOGISTS ARE CALLING IT A SMART BOMB DENISE PANGELINAN OF SAN RAMON WAS DIAGNOSED WITH AN AGGRESSIVE FORM OF BREAST CANCER IN 2011. AS PART OF A CLINICAL TRIAL AT KAISER PERMANENTE WALNUT CREEK..SHE RECEIVED A NEW DRUG. CALLED KAD-CY-LAH. SHE SAYS SHE FELT A DIFFERENCE AFTER HER FIRST TREATMENT. SCANS CONFIRMED HER TUMOR WAS SHRINKING. THE DRUG WAS DEVELOPED BY GENENTECH IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO. 23 PATIENTS AT KAISER PERMANENTE HOSPITALS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RECEIVED THE DRUG IN CLINICAL TRIALS. STUDIES SHOW IT HELPED PEOPLE LIVE NEARLY SIX MONTHS LONGER THAN PATIENTS WHO HAD TRADITIONAL TREATMENTS. ONCOLOGISTS SAY IT DELIVERS THE BENEFITS OF CHEMO *** WITHIN*** THE CANCER CELLS, SO MOST PATIENTS CAN AVOID COMMON SIDE EFFECTS LIKE HAIR LOSS AND NAUSEA. THE DRUG IS APPROVED FOR WOMEN WITH H-E-R-2 POSITIVE BREAST CANCER.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/13 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA IS NOW SUING THE DEBT-RATING AGENCY STANDARD & POOR'S-- -- CLAIMING IT INFLATED SOME OF ITS RATINGS ON MORTGAGE BACKED SECURITIES, AND COSTING CALIFORNIA INVESTORS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS FILED THE LAWSUIT TODAY IN SAN FRANCISCO, ONE DAY AFTER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACCUSED STANDARD-AND-POOR'S OF

FRAUD. HARRIS BLAMES S-AND-P FOR QUOTE-- "INTENTIONALLY CORRUPTED" RATINGS WHICH LED INVESTORS TO PUT THEIR MONEY INTO RISKY MORTGAGE BONDS. HARRIS CLAIMS TWO STATE PENSION FUNDS RELIED ON THE "TRIPLE-A" RATINGS WHEN DECIDING HOW TO INVEST... AND LOST MORE THAN A-BILLION DOLLARS. STANDARD AND POOR'S DENIES ANY WRONGDOING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/13 REPORTED... ON THE EARLY FRONT-RUNNERS TO BE THE NEXT POPE. CARDINAL PETER TURKSON FROM GHANA IS CONSIDERED A TOP CANDIDATE FROM AFRICA. HE'S HEAD OF THE VATICAN JUSTICE AND PEACE BUREAU. ALSO ON THE LIST, NIGERIA'S FRANCIS ARINZE, WHO WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ADVISORS TO POPE JOHN PAUL THE SECOND. IF SELECTED, EITHER WOULD BECOME THE FIRST BLACK POPE IN HISTORY. ALSO BELIEVED TO BE ON THE LIST OF POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS..... MARC OUELLET (OOH-LET) OF CANADA. HE IS THE VATICAN'S TOP STAFF DIRECTOR. THE POSITION OF POPE, ONCE RESERVED FOR ITALIANS, IS NOW OPEN TO ALL. CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN OF NEW YORK IS CONSIDERED THE BEST CHANCE FOR AN AMERICAN POPE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/15/13 REPORTED... THE SIX ADULT WOMEN KILLED IN LAST YEAR'S SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOOTING, WERE HONORED TODAY IN AN EMOTIONAL WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY. PRESIDENT OBAMA AWARDED THE *PRESIDENTIAL CITIZENS MEDAL* TO THE FAMILIES OF THE TEACHERS AND STAFF MEMBERS KILLED IN THE DECEMBER ATTACK. THE CITIZENS MEDAL IS THE SECOND-HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOR AWARDED BY THE WHITE HOUSE, BEHIND THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/13 REPORTED... WHILE WE WAIT FOR CONGRESS TO VOTE ON NEW GUN CONTROL LAWS, THE STATES ARE TAKING MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS. IN COLORADO TODAY, HOUSE MEMBERS PASSED NEW AMMUNITION LIMITS AND LAWS EXPANDING FIRE-ARM BACKGROUND CHECKS, IN RESPONSE TO RECENT MASS SHOOTINGS. THE PACKAGE OF BILLS BANS HIGH-CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES AND FORBIDS CONCEALED WEAPONS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES. THE DEMOCRATIC-MAJORITY IN COLORADO'S "HOUSE" ALSO PASSED A MEASURE REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GUN SALES BETWEEN PRIVATE PARTIES. REPUBLICANS OPPOSE THE MEASURES, SAYING THEY RESTRICT SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND WON'T PREVENT MASS SHOOTINGS. THE STATE SENATE STILL NEEDS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/21/13 REPORTED... NEW DETAILS ABOUT THE LOOMING SPENDING CUTS IN CONGRESS. THE CLOCK IS TICKING BUT PRESIDENT OBAMA AND CONGRESS ARE APPARENTLY AT A STANDSTILL. AT ISSUE -- FINDING A WAY TO AVOID 85-BILLION DOLLARS IN AUTOMATIC, ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS KNOWN AS "THE SEQUESTER." NEITHER SIDE IS REPORTING PROGRESS IN THEIR TALKS. DEMOCRATS WANT TO CLOSE TAX LOOPHOLES ON THE OIL INDUSTRY AND RAISE TAXES ON MILLIONAIRES. REPUBLICANS WANT MORE DEFICIT REDUCTION. IF NO DEAL IS REACHED THE CUTS GO INTO EFFECT MARCH 1ST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/22/13 REPORTED... POPULAR OPINION IS NOW ON THE SIDE OF SWEEPING IMMIGRATION REFORM. A NEW FIELD POLL FINDS 90 PERCENT OF VOTERS SUPPORT GRANTING CITIZENSHIP TO UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS -- **IF** -- THEY HAVE JOBS, LEARN ENGLISH, AND PAY BACK-TAXES. THAT'S THE MOST SUPPORT SINCE THE IMMIGRATION POLL BEGAN SEVEN-YEARS AGO. 52-PERCENT FAVOR ALLOWING UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS TO GET DRIVERS' LICENSES. HOWEVER, TWO-THIRDS WANT TO RESTRICT THE FLOW OF **NEW** IMMIGRANTS, AND SUPPORT ADDING MORE BORDER AGENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/25/13 REPORTED... TODAY, POPE BENEDICT CHANGED CHURCH LAW REGULATING THE CONCLAVE -- THAT WILL ELECT HIS SUCCESSOR. THE CHANGE WILL LET THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS, INCLUDING CARDINAL

LEVADA HERE IN THE BAY ATEA -- TO BEGIN CONCLAVE *EARLIER* THAN USUAL. THERE IS NO SET DATE AT THIS POINT, BUT THE CARDINALS ARE IN A TIME CRUNCH BECAUSE THEY WANT TO CHOOSE THE NEXT POPE *AND* INSTALL HIM BEFORE HOLY WEEK BEGINS ON MARCH 24TH. WITH THAT SAID -- THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS NEED TO SELECT A NEW POPE BY MARCH 17 TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/26/13 REPORTED... WITH THREE-DAYS UNTIL DRASTIC BUDGET CUTS TAKE EFFECT -- KNOWN AS THE SEQUESTER -- REPUBLICAN LEADERS CRITICIZED THE PRESIDENT FOR TAKING HIS ARGUMENTS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON. PRESIDENT OBAMA TOLD VIRGINIA SHIPYARD WORKERS THERE'S NO SMART WAY TO CUT \$85 BILLION DOLLARS IN SEVEN-MONTHS, AS REPUBLICANS PROPOSE. MEANWHILE TODAY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BLAMED BUDGET CUTS FOR ITS PLANNED RELEASE OF SOME UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS BEING HELD IN IMMIGRATION JAILS. HOUSE, SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER OF OHIO SAYS HE'S DONE HIS PART, COMPLAINING THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD APPROVE REPUBLICANS' MORE-TARGETED REDUCTIONS. PRESIDENT OBAMA DISMISSED THAT AS CHOOSING BETWEEN "TAKING MONEY FROM A POOR KID OR A DISABLED KID."

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Quarterly Issues/Programs Report First Quarter March 2013

KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/13 REPORTED... THE FORBES' BILLIONAIRE LIST IS OUT AND IT'S BIGGER AND RICHER THAN EVER. IN TOTAL, THE GROUP IS WORTH 5.4 TRILLION DOLLARS. IN THE TOP SPOT IS MEXICO'S CARLOS SLIM. NO SURPRISE THERE -- HE'S BEEN THE WORLD'S RICHEST BILLIONAIRE FOR FOUR YEARS IN A ROW. MICROSOFT CO-FOUNDER BILL GATES IS NUMBER TWO. FOR THE FIRST TIME AT NUMBER THREE IS SPAIN'S AMANCIO ORTEGA -- THE FOUNDER OF FASHION RETAILER ZARA. WARREN BUFFET IS 4TH. BAY AREA RESIDENT AND ORACLE BOSS -- LARRY ELLISON IS 5TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/6/13 REPORTED... THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY'S LABOR DISPUTE IS NOW THREATENING ITS EAST COAST TOUR. THE DEBATE IS OVER MUSICIAN'S PAY AND BENEFITS -- AND THE TWO SIDES HAVE BEEN AT IT FOR SIX MONTHS. THE SYMPHONY IS SET TO PERFORM IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, DC AT THE END OF MARCH. PLAYERS HAVE NEVER GONE ON TOUR WITHOUT A LABOR AGREEMENT -- AND DON'T SEEM WILLING TO CHANGE NOW. THE NEXT MEETING IS ON MARCH 12TH. IF A DEAL ISN'T REACHED BEFORE THE TOUR --PLAYERS ARE THREATENING NOT TO GO. THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PAID ORCHESTRAS IN THE U-S. PLAYERS MAKE AN AVERAGE OF 165-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/6/13 REPORTED... ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST MAKERS OF NATURAL FROZEN FOODS IS PLANNING ON BUILDING A SECOND PLANT IN THE NORTH BAY-- AND THAT COULD MEAN JOBS. PETALUMA BASED, "AMY'S KITCHEN" ALREADY HAS ONE THOUSAND WORKERS IN SONOMA COUNTY. IT IS PROPOSING THE LARGEST BUSINESS EXPANSION IN SANTA ROSA IN AT LEAST A DECADE AND COULD BRING AS MANY AS 800- NEW JOBS. THE FAMILY OWNED COMPANY PRODUCES VEGETARIAN FROZEN

ENTREES, CANNED SOUPS AND OTHER READY MADE FOOD. STEADY GROWTH IN ITS FROZEN PRODUCTS HAS MADE IT ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST FOOD PROCESSORS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/13 REPORTED... LEADERS OF THE BAY AREA'S CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY SAY CALIFORNIA'S BAN ON SHARK FINS... HAS LEAD TO CONFUSION. A STATEWIDE BAN ON RESTAURANTS SELLING SHARK FIN SOUP TOOK EFFECT JANUARY FIRST. THE STATE IS ALLOWING BUSINESSES ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF SHARK FINS TO CONTINUE SELLING THEM UNTIL THE SUMMER. TODAY... FISH AND GAME OFFICIALS MET WITH RESTAURANT OWNERS IN SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINATOWN. SOME CHINESE BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE COMPLAINED THEY'VE RECEIVED CITATIONS BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS CONFUSION OVER THE LAW. FOR NOW... CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES ARE ALLOWED TO SELL OLD STOCK OF SHARK FINS. HOWEVER... AFTER JULY FIRST, ALL SHARK FIN SALES ARE BANNED STATEWIDE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/13 REPORTED... STARTING TODAY, MOST SAN JOSE BUSINESSES HAVE TO PAY THEIR WORKERS A **MINIMUM** WAGE OF TEN-DOLLARS AN HOUR. A NEWS CONFERENCE NEXT TO SAN JOSE STATE HELPED KICK-OFF THE FIRST DAY OF THE HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE TODAY. YOU MAY REMEMBER IT WAS S-J-S-U STUDENTS WHO CIRCULATED PETITIONS TO INITIALLY LAUNCH THE WAGE-INCREASE PROPOSAL. NEARLY 60-PERCENT OF SAN JOSE VOTERS PASSED THE MEASURE IN NOVEMBER. SEVERAL LOCAL BUSINESSES ADOPTED THE PAY RAISE SOON AFTER ... INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE LAW TO TAKE EFFECT TODAY. EXPERTS PREDICT THE MEASURE WILL BOOST THE REGIONAL ECONOMY, BY INJECTING 70-MILLION DOLLARS IN ADDED REVENUE. HOWEVER, FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, THOSE WORKERS WILL NEED TO SPEND THEIR EXTRA PAY IN SAN JOSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/13/13 REPORTED... THE SOUND OF SILENCE. THE GRAMMY-AWARD WINNING MUSICIANS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ARE ON STRIKE, ONE WEEK BEFORE LEAVING ON A TOUR WHICH WAS SUPPOSE TO INCLUDE CARNEGIE HALL. ORCHESTRA MEMBERS MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY-- AFTER MEETINGS WITH A FEDERAL MEDIATOR FAILED TO PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT. SYMPHONY EXECUTIVES CANCELLED CONCERTS SET FOR TOMORROW AND THIS WEEKEND. MUSICIANS RECENTLY DROPPED L-A DODGERS CAPS FOR A *PROTEST PERFORMANCE* AT CITY HALL, MAKING THE POINT THAT THEY'RE PAID LESS THAN MUSICIANS IN THE RIVAL CITY TO THE SOUTH. THEY WANT A FIVE-PERCENT PAY RAISE. THE SYMPHONY SAYS IT'S TAPPED OUT AND THAT IT HAS BEEN OPERATING AT A DEFICIT FOR THE PAST FOUR-YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/14/13 REPORTED... IT TURNS OUT CALIFORNIA'S FURLOUGH PROGRAM DIDN'T SAVE AS MUCH MONEY AS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST SAYS THAT WORKERS WHO HAD TO TAKE MANDATORY DAYS OFF -- DIDN'T USE AS MUCH VACATION TIME. THE FURLOUGHS SUPPOSEDLY SAVED THE STATE \$5 BILLION...BUT MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS IN UNUSED VACATION HOURS WILL HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND IN THE FUTURE. SINCE UNUSED TIME IS CASHED OUT AT A WORKER'S WHEN THEY LEAVE THEIR JOBS -- THAT \$BILLION FIGURE IS EXPECTED TO RISE. THE REPORT SUGGESTS THE STATE SHOULD CONSIDER A LEAVE BUY BACK PROGRAM RATHER THAN CARRYING THE TIME ON THE BOOKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/13 REPORTED... THE C-E-O OF GOOGLE IS PACKING HIS BAGS AGAIN. TWO MONTHS AFTER HIS VISIT TO NORTH KOREA, ERIC SCHMIDT IS TRAVELING TO ANOTHER ASIAN NATION -- WHERE FOREIGNERS RARELY GO. NEXT WEEK SCHMIDT WILL TRAVEL TO MYANMAR, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BURMA. --BUT WHILE HIS JANUARY TRIP TO NORTH KOREA WAS DESCRIBED AS A PERSONAL VISIT, HE ACKNOWLEDGES THE BURMA TRIP IS BUSINESS. SINCE THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WAS REPLACED BY CIVILIANS, MYANMAR IS RIPE FOR BUSINESS AND CONNECTIVITY. LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION HAS CELL PHONES. THAT COULD SOON BE CHANGING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/25/13 REPORTED... IT'S A DONE DEAL. U-S REGULATORS HAVE APPROVED NASDAQ'S PLAN TO REIMBURSE FIRMS THAT WERE UNABLE TO MAKE TRADES THE DAY FACEBOOK WENT PUBLIC. IT'S A 62-MILLION DOLLAR COMPENSATION PLAN. FIRMS HAVE ONE WEEK TO SUBMIT REQUESTS. MANY TRADERS LOST MONEY ON MAY 18TH, 2012 BECAUSE OF A TECHNICAL GLITCH, WHICH PREVENTED TIMELY ORDER CONFIRMATIONS. BY SOME ACCOUNTS, WALL STREET FIRMS LOST AS MUCH AS 500-MILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE OF THE BOTCHED I-P-O.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/25/13 REPORTED... THE LATEST BATTLEGROUND BETWEEN GOOGLE AND APPLE COULD BE INDOOR MAPS. THAT'S THE CONCLUSION THE NEW YORK TIMES IS DRAWING AFTER APPLE'S ACQUISITION OF A COMPANY CALLED WI-FI-SLAM. THE STARTUP ALLOWS USERS TO PINPOINT THEIR EXACT LOCATION *INSIDE* A BUILDING...USING WI-FI RATHER THAN G-P-S TECHNOLOGY. GOOGLE IS POURING RESOURCES INTO A SIMILAR INDOOR MAPS INITIATIVE ...THEY WANT TO MAKE IT EASIER TO FIND STORES AND BATHROOMS INSIDE SHOPPING MALLS, AIRPORTS, LARGE DEPARTMENT STORES AND TRANSIT STATIONS. EXPERTS SAY WI-FI SLAM TECHNOLOGY COULD ALLOW APPLE TO GET AHEAD, AFTER A WHAT MANY CALL EARLY "MAPPING" FAILURES.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/13 REPORTED... THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION IS GOING AFTER COMPANIES WHO SEND OUT PHONE SPAM. THE FTC SAYS IT SAYS ITS RECIEVED 50 THOUSAND COMPLAINTS ABOUT SPAM TEXT MESSAGES IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. THE MESSAGES USUALLY OFFER GIFT CARDS AND PRIZES WITH A LINK TO A WEBSITE-- BUT THEN ONLY REALLY ASK FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION. THE FTC FILED EIGHT CASES AND NAMED 26 PEOPLE WHO WERE HIRED TO SEND THE MESSAGES. THE COMPANIES WHO SEND THE SPAM FREQUESNTLY CHANGE PHONE NUMBERS WHERE THE SPAM ORIGINATES.. WHICH MAKES HTEM DIFFICULT TO TRACK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/13 REPORTED... IN JUST 20- DAYS THE MORNING COMMUTE ON THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE WILL LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT. TOLL COLLECTORS WILL NO LONGER TAKE YOUR MONEY, AS THE BRIDGE WILL BE ALL ELECTRONIC. THAT MEANS NO MORE STOPPING ON THE BRIDGE, AND THERE WILL BE NEW FORMS OF PAYMENT OPTIONS BESIDES FASTRAK. YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM THREE NEW PAY BY PLATE OPTIONS THAT INCLUDE A ONE TIME PAYMENT, A TOLL INVOICE, AND A LICENSE PLATE ACCOUNT. UNFORTUNATELY WITH THIS, THE TOLL COLLECTORS WILL LOSE THEIR JOB. ELECTRONIC TOLLING GOES LIVE ON MARCH 27TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/13 REPORTED... THREE BAY AREA CITIES ARE DEBATING CUTTING-OUT PLASTIC BAGS. TONIGHT, REDWOOD CITY WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO INACT A BAN, WHILE SAN CARLOS IS SET TO FORMALLY ADOPT A RESOLUTION. IF ADOPTED, THE REDWOOD CITY BAN COULD TAKE EFFECT AS SOON AS NEXT MONTH. MEANTIME, PALO ALTO'S CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE TO EXPAND ITS BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS. THE NEW ORDINANCE WILL BAN PLASTIC BAGS FROM DELIS, RESTAURANTS, CATERING TRUCKS AND ALL OTHER PLACES THAT SERVE FOOD. THERE WOULD ALSO BE A TEN-CENT FEE FOR PAPER BAGS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/13 REPORTED... THANKS TO A JUDGE... YOU CAN STILL SUPERSIZE YOUR SODA IN NEW YORK CITY. A STATE SUPREME COURT JUDGE THREW OUT A NEW LAW BANNING THE PRACTICE. HE SAYS ITS SIMPLY ILLEGAL. MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG PROPOSED THE BAN ON THE SALE OF 16-OUNCE SUGARY DRINKS AT RESTAURANTS, MOVIE THEATERS, AND SPORTS VENUES, SAYING THOSE DRINKS LEAD TO OBESITY. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND RESTAURANT OWNERS FILED THE LAWSUIT TO BLOCK THE LAW. IT WAS SET TO GO INTO EFFECT TOMORROW. THE MAYOR SAYS HE WILL APPEAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/19/13 REPORTED... TALK ABOUT YOUR 'HOT YOGA.' SOME YOGA PANTS BY LU-LU LEMON ARE BEING RECALLED BECAUSE THE MATERIAL IS SEE THROUGH. THE VANCOUVER-BASED RETAILER EXPLAINS THAT AN ISSUE WITH ONE OF ITS SUPPLIERS RESULTED IN BLACK LUON PANTS THAT ARE TOO SHEER. THE PANTS HAVE A TIGHTER FITTING SILHOUETTE AND WERE SOLD BETWEEN MARCH 1ST AND MARCH 16TH. PEOPLE WORKING OUT NEAR CRISSY FIELD IN SAN FRANCISCO SAY THEY CAN BE EXPENSIVE BUT THEY'RE COMFORTABLE AND THEY LAST LONG.... SO THEY WERE SUPRISED BY THE RECALL. THE COMPANY IS WORKING WITH ITS SUPPLIER TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT. LU-LU-LEMON IS OFFERING A FULL REFUND ON THE SHEER YOGA PANTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/25/13 REPORTED... PUT YOUR CASH AWAY! THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE WILL HAVE A NEW, ALL-ELECTRONIC TOLLING SYSTEM IN JUST TWO DAYS. BRIDGE WORKERS MADE LAST-MINUTE CHANGES TODAY -- TO MAKE SURE DRIVERS ARE GOOD TO GO WEDNESDAY MORNING. DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS - BRIDGE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES WILL STAND NEAR TOLL BOOTHS TO WAVE TRAFFIC THROUGH. AND NEW 27-FOOT SIGN ON TOP OF THE TOLL PLAZA -- WILL READ "DO NOT STOP -- AUTOMATIC TOLLING."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/25/13 REPORTED... AND WHEN YOU HEAD OUT FOR DATE NIGHT, HOW MUCH ARE YOU PAYING YOUR BABYSITTER? IF YOU LIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO...THE ANSWER IS ALOT. A NEW SURVEY SHOWS SAN FRANCISCO BABY-SITTERS ARE PAID MORE THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN ANY OTHER U-S CITY. THE AVERAGE RATE FOR A SITTER IN THE BAY AREA IS 14-DOLLARS AN HOUR-- FOR ONE CHILD. THE ONLINE SITE, *URBAN SITTER* SAYS THAT'S 50-CENTS MORE THAN PARENTS IN NEW YORK CITY PAY. THE GOING-RATE IN CHICAGO IS 12-DOLLARS AN HOUR. DENVER IS A BARGAIN BY COMPARISON. SITTERS THERE GET 10-DOLLARS 25-CENTS AN HOUR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/26/13 REPORTED... SANTA CLARA HAS NOW BECOME THE FIRST CITY IN THE COUNTRY TO USE ITS UTILITY COMPANY'S INFRASTRUCTURE, TO POWER CITY-WIDE WI-FI...FOR FREE. THE CITY'S UTILITY - SILICON VALLEY POWER - IS PUTTING IN ADVANCED METERS LIKE THIS ONE, SIMILAR TO THE SMART METERS THAT PG&E USES. TO GET DATA FROM THE METERS, THEY BUILT A NEW WI-FI NETWORK...AND REALIZED THEY COULD ADD A FREEBIE FOR CITY RESIDENTS AND WORKERS. SILICON VALLEY POWER WILL SPEND ABOUT 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR TO OFFER THE FREE WIFI.... JUST A FRACTION OF THE REVENUE IT GENERATES EVERY YEAR. WHILE THE FREE SERVICE IS GREAT FOR WEB SURFING, OFFICIALS WARN THAT JUST LIKE ALL FREE WI-FI NETWORKS...IT'S NOT SECURE. THAT MEANS YOU SHOULDN'T USE IT TO DO ANY ONLINE BANKING OR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS. THEY ALSO SAY PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT THE ADVANCED METERS CAN DECLINE AND STILL USE THE FREE WIFI.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/13 REPORTED... THE SAN JOSE WOMAN WHO MADE HEADLINES WORLDWIDE FOR HER CHILI FINGER HOAX, HAS PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO COVERING UP A PAROLE VIOLATION FOR HER SON. INVESTIGATORS SAY ANNA AYALA MADE UP A STORY ABOUT HER SON BEING SHOT WHEN HE ACCIDENTLY SHOT HIMSELF IN OCTOBER. YOU SEE, BOTH AYALA AND HER SON ARE CONVICTED FELONS SO THEY AREN'T ALLOWED TO HAVE GUNS. PROSECUTORS SAY SHE HELPED HIM GET RID OF HIS ILLEGALLY OWNED WEAPON. BOTH FACE UP TO FOUR YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS IN PRISON, AND ARE BEING HELD ON 150 THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/13 REPORTED... THE FAMILIES OF THE TWO SANTA CRUZ POLICE OFFICERS KILLED LAST WEEK -- HAVE RELEASED SOME FAMILY PHOTOS.. LOREN "BUTCH" BAKER AND ELIZABETH BUTLER WERE GUNNED DOWN LAST TUESDAY, WHEN THEY WENT TO CONDUCT A FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION AT A HOME. THIS IS BAKER W/ HIS FAMILY... HIS SON ALSO PART OF THE SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPT. BAKER WORKED

FOR 28 YEARS ON THE FORCE. BUTLER (SEEN HERE W/ HER TWO YOUNG KIDS) -- WAS A 10-YEAR VETERAN POLICE OFFICER. A PUBLIC MEMORIAL FOR BAKER AND BUTLER WILL BE HELD THIS THURSDAY AT NOON -- AT H-P PAVILION IN SAN JOSE. THERE WILL BE A PROCESSION FROM SANTA CRUZ TO SAN JOSE BEFORE THE MEMORIAL. NBC BAY AREA WILL BE COVERING BOTH EVENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/13 REPORTED... THE WINNERS OF THE 33 MILLION DOLLAR LOTTERY TICKET SOLD IN WALNUT CREEK FINALLY CAME FORWARD TODAY. AND THE WINNERS ARE -- MASSOUD AND HOMERIA ARDELAN. ARDELAN RECENTLY LOST HIS JOB.... SO THE LUMP SUM CASH-OPTION OF 22 MILLION DOLLARS WILL COME IN HANDY. HE BOUGHT THE TICKET AT THE HEATHER FARM SHELL STATION. MASSOUD OFTEN STOPS BY THE SHELL STATION TO BUY PUMPKIN SEEDS. THIS TIME, HE DECIDED TO USE THE FIVE BUCKS LEFT IN HIS WALLET TO BUY LOTTERY TICKETS INSTEAD OF HIS FAVORITE SNACK. HE DIDN'T EVEN THINK TO CHECK THE TICKET THURSDAY... UNTIL A FRIEND CALLED TO TELL HIM WHERE THE WINNING TICKET WAS SOLD. HIS WIFE, A HAIR STYLIST, WAS BACK AT WORK IN DOWNTOWN WALNUT CREEK RIGHT AFTER THE NEWS CONFERENCE. THE COUPLE PLANS TO START A BUSINESS...AND USE THEIR WINNINGS TO HELP FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/13 REPORTED... FREE OF STIGMA, AFTER 14 YEARS IN PRISON FOR A CRIME HE DID NOT COMMIT... AN ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HAS NOW OVERTURNED THE RAPE CONVICTION FOR "JOHNNY WILLIAMS". WILLIAMS WAS CONVICTED, IN 1998, OF SEXUALLY ATTACKING A NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL TWICE. AT THE TIME, FORENSIC TESTING OF THE VICTIM'S CLOTHING WAS INCONCLUSIVE. BUT LAST YEAR "THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INNOCENCE PROJECT" PARTNERED WITH THE "CALIFORNIA DNA PROJECT," OUT OF SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF LAW TO RUN A NEW DNA TEST ON THE CLOTHES. THAT TEST SHOWED WILLIAMS COULD NOT BE THE ATTACKER. LAWYERS FOR THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS SAY EVEN THOUGH WILLIAMS WAS RELEASED ON PAROLE IN JANUARY, THE OVERTURNED CONVICTION MEANS A LOT... THE INNOCENCE PROJECT SAYS DNA TESTING HAS ALREADY OVERTURNED MORE THAN 300 CONVICTIONS IN THE U.S.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/13/13 REPORTED... NEW DETAILS NOW ABOUT A TEACHER MOLESTATION CASE IN THE EAST BAY THAT ENDED IN SUICIDE. JAMES "I-ZOOO MIZ-AH-KI" WAS SEXUALLY ABUSING STUDENTS. THAT'S THE CONCLUSION OF A SIX MONTH INVESTIGATION BY THE ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT BASED ON EVIDENCE COLLECTED FROM COMPUTERS, CELL PHONES AND INTERVIEWS. THE FORMER ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER BEING ACCUSED OF HAVING IMPROPER RELATIONSHIPS WITH STUDENTS. POLICE SAY EVIDENCE PROVES HE HAD SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH TWO STUDENTS. THEY ALSO CLAIM HE TOOK ILLEGAL VOYEURISTIC VIDEOS OF ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE...AND COLLECTED CHILD PORN. THE CHARGES AGAINST THE POPULAR COACH DIVIDED THE COMMUNITY....WITH SOME PEOPLE HOLDING VIGILS FOR HIM...AND OTHERS SUPPORTING THE VICTIMS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/13 REPORTED... TONIGHT PARENTS OF A MISSING SCOTTS VALLEY MAN ARE LEAVING FOR UTAH... WHERE THEIR SON WAS FOUND-- ALIVE AND SAFE. LESS THAN AN-HOUR AGO WE RECEIVED WORD THAT 21-YEAR OLD COLLEGE STUDENT, MATT ABRAHAM, HAS BEEN LOCATED THERE. HE DISAPPEARED FROM HIS HOME EARLIER THIS WEEK AFTER A MOUNTAIN BIKE ACCIDENT WHICH LEFT HIM WITH A MAJOR HEAD INJURY. A WIDESPREAD SEARCH FOR MATT HAD BEEN LAUNCHED IN THE FORESTS AROUND HIS HOME... WITH FAMILY BELIVING HE WAS RETURNING TO THE SCENE OF THE CRASH. APPARENTLY HE HAD BOARDED A BUS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/20/13 REPORTED... THE T-S-A IS DOING SOME DAMAGE CONTROL -- AFTER AN AIRPORT SCREENER WAS ACCUSED OF MISTREATING A HANDICAPPED VETERAN. NOW -- A CONGRESSMAN IS GETTING INVOLVED. 22-YEAR OLD CORPORAL *TORAN GAAL* [[gull]] LOST HIS LEGS IN AFGHANISTAN. HE AND

OTHER VETERANS WERE AT THE PHOENIX AIRPORT -- HEADED BACK TO CAMP PENDALTON NEAR SAN DIEGO -- WHEN A WITNESS CLAIMS "GULL" WAS HUMILIATED BY A T-S-A SCREENER. CONGRESSMAN DUNCAN HUNTER, OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, HAS WRITTEN TO THE T-S-A CHIEF, COMPLAINING GULL HAD TO REMOVE HIS PROSTHETIC LEGS AND STAND --IN PAIN-- AT THE CHECKPOINT WHILE HIS WHEELCHAIR WAS EXAMINED. T-S-A SAYS IT'S INVESTIGATING, ADDING THAT SECURITY VIDEO SHOWS THERE WAS NO REMOVAL OF PROSTHETIC LIMBS. THE T-S-A SAYS BOTH THE SCREENERS WERE ALSO VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/25/13 REPORTED... THE SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER WHO FIRST REACHED THAT 11-MONTH OLD GIRL INSIDE THE STOLEN S-U-V, IS SHARING HIS STORY, TONIGHT. OFFICER CARLOS ACOSTA DESCRIBED THE GIRL'S REACTION WHEN HE FOUND HER. OFFICER ACOSTA EVEN RODE IN THE AMBULANCE, WITH THE GIRL, TO THE HOSPITAL ... AND STAYED THERE UNTIL SHE WAS REUNITED WITH HER MOTHER. HE SAYS THE EXPERIENCE WAS EMOTIONAL FOR HIM AS WELL... AS A FATHER OF A SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRL, AND TWO OTHER CHILDREN. ACOSTA AND HIS PARTNER WERE CLOSE BY... WHEN THE 9-1-1 CALL CAME IN THAT THE S-U-V HAD BEEN SPOTTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/27/13 REPORTED... THE 8-YEAR-OLD GIRL SHOT WITH AN ARROW WHILE ON A FIELD TRIP ON THE U-C BERKELEY CAMPUS... IS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL TONIGHT. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA POLICE RELEASED THIS PICTURE TODAY OF THE 20 INCH CROSSBOW ARROW THAT STRUCK THE SAN RAFAEL GIRL YESTERDAY. SHE WAS ON A LIFESIZE MODEL OF A WHALE AT THE LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE WHEN SHE WAS HIT BY THE ARROW. SHE WAS TAKEN TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WHERE A SURGEON REMOVED THE ARROW. SHE IS EXPECTED TO FULLY RECOVER. POLICE ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE ARROW CAME FROM...AND WHETHER THE GIRL WAS HIT ON PURPOSE OR ON ACCIDENT.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/13 REPORTED... HE'S STAYING PUT FOR NOW. THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND KILLING AN OAKLAND RAPPER, AND CAUSING A FIERY CRASH ON THE LAS VEGAS STRIP, FACED A JUDGE FOR THE FIRST TIME, TODAY. 26-YEAR-OLD AMMAR HARRIS WAS ARRESTED LAST WEEK IN LOS ANGELES. THIS MORNING, IN L-A HE WAS SCHEDULED FOR AN EXTRADITION HEARING, BUT THAT HEARING WAS POSTPONED. THAT'S BECAUSE HARRIS EXERCISED HIS RIGHT TO AN IDENTITY HEARING, WHICH REQUIRES PROSECUTORS TO PROVE HE'S THE PERSON WANTED BY COPS IN IN NEVADA. HARRIS IS DUE BACK IN COURT IN 10 DAYS. AMONG THOSE WHO VOWED TO ALSO RETURN AGAIN -- A BROTHER OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS. POLICE SAY HARRIS, A SELF-PROFESSED PIMP, SHOT AND KILLED OAKLAND NATIVE KENNETH CHERRY, AS HE WAS DRIVING HIS MASERATI. THE SPORTS CAR THEN SLAMMED INTO A TAXI, SPARKING AN EXPLOSION THAT KILLED THE CABBIE AND HIS PASSENGER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/5/13 REPORTED... A PRICELESS GOLD ARTIFACT -- STOLEN FROM THE OAKLAND MUSEUM -- IS BACK. OAKLAND POLICE RETURNED THE ARTIFACT - A QUARTZ AND GOLD JEWELRY BOX - TO THE MUSEUM TODAY. THE BOX, WORTH ABOUT 800 THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS STOLEN IN JANUARY. INVESTIGATORS SAY ON SUNDAY THEY ARRESTED A PAROLEE, ANDRE FRANKLIN.. AND THEY FOUND EVIDENCE ON HIM - - THAT LINKED HIM TO NOT ONLY THE BURGLARY IN JANUARY BUT ALSO ANOTHER IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR. FRANKLIN HAS BEEN CHARGED IN BOTH CRIMES. THE MUSEUM SAYS IT HAS SINCE MADE INTERNAL CHANGES TO PROTECT ITS VALUABLES. POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW ITEMS THAT WERE STOLEN. THOSE INCLUDE TWO PISTOLS AND SOME GOLD NUGGETS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/6/13 REPORTED... TONIGHT WE ARE HEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME FROM FORMER LAPD POLICE CHIEF BILL BRATTON. HE'S IN OAKLAND TO MAKE MAJOR CHANGES TO THE CITY'S CRIME FIGHTING STRATEGIES. BRATTON,

WHO IS NOW A CONSULTANT, HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE ALONGSIDE OAKLAND'S POLICE CHIEF HOWARD JORDAN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS TODAY. HE SAYS BRINGING DOWN THE NUMBER OF HOMICIDES, ROBBERIES AND BURGLARIES ARE HIS TOP PRIORITY. BRATTON ALSO SAYS IT'S TOUGH WHEN YOU HAVE A POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT NEEDS A LOT MORE POLICE OFFICERS. BRATTON WILL BE WORKING ALONGSIDE THOMAS FRAIZER WHO WAS APPOINTED ON MONDAY BY A FEDERAL JUDGE TO BE A COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/13 REPORTED... FREMONT POLICE NEED SOME HELP FINDING A SUSPECT WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A RASH OF HOME BURGLARIES. LAWRENCE NERO IS SUSPECTED OF BURGLARIES ON MEYER COURT, ARMOUR WAY AND MORAY STREET....AND POSSIBLY OTHERS... NERO IS 25 YEARS OLD AND WANTED ON A MILLION DOLLAR BOND. HE IS 5 FOOT TEN...AND SOMETIMES WEARS A BEARD. HE'S LED POLICE ON SEVERAL CHASES, DITCHING A CAR AND JUMPING FENCES TO ESCAPE. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS IS ASKED TO CONTACT FREMONT POLICE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/13 REPORTED... THIEVES HAVE LEFT THE TOWN OF WOODSIDE WITH AN EMPTY FLAG POLE. LAST WEEK, SOMEONE STOLE THE TOWN'S STATE FLAG AND U-S FLAG FROM WOODSIDE'S INDEPENDENCE HALL. CITY LEADERS SAY THE FLAGS ARE NORMALLY LEFT UP ALL NIGHT. ONE MORNING, THEY DISCOVERED THE ROPES FLAPPING WITHOUT A FLAG IN SIGHT. THE TOWN SPENT 86 DOLLARS TO REPLACE THE FLAGS. BUT IT WANTS ITS OLD FLAGS RETURNED... NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/13 REPORTED... OAKLAND POLICE BELIEVE THEY'VE MADE PROGRESS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DISMANTLE A NOTORIOUS STREET GANG. POLICE GAVE US THIS VIDEO TAKEN DURING A SERIES OF EARLY MORNING RAIDS. OFFICERS ARRESTED MORE THAN 18 PEOPLE AND SEIZED 11 FIREARMS. THE HAUL INCLUDED AN ASSAULT RIFLE. THOSE WHO WERE ARRESTED ARE BELIEVED TO MEMBERS OF "THE CASE GANG". INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE CITY'S MOST VIOLENT CRIMES. MANY AGENCIES PARTICIPATED IN TODAY'S RAIDS INCLUDING THE F-B-I AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE RAIDS ARE PART OF "OPERATION CEASFARE" -- THE CITY'S ONGOING ANTI-CRIME INITIATIVE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/13 REPORTED... SAN JOSE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE CITY'S 9TH HOMICIDE THIS YEAR, AND IT'S THE THIRD IN LESS THAN A WEEK. IT HAPPENED OVERNIGHT IN THE CITY'S EAST SIDE AT CAPITOL AVENUE AND MURTHA DRIVE, EARLY THIS MORNING. OFFICERS FOUND A MAN IN THE DRIVEWAY OF A HOME WITH A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE CHEST AROUND 4-30 AM. HE DIED AT THE SCENE. THEY HAVEN'T IDENTIFIED HIM YET, BUT SAY THE MAN IS ABOUT 30- YEARS OLD AND LOOKS FAMILIAR TO POLICE. POLICE AND NEIGHBORS SAY THIS NEIGHBORHOOD HAS BECOME UNSAFE IN RECENT YEARS. SO FAR, NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/13 REPORTED... THE ARMY IS DEFENDING ITSELF TONIGHT, AGAINST CRITICISM OVER A DECISION TO DISCHARGE A SOLDIER INSTEAD OF PROSECUTING HIM ON RAPE CHARGES YEARS AGO. THAT MAN, JEREMY GOULET, ULTIMATELY SHOT KILLED TWO SANTA CRUZ OFFICERS LAST MONTH. JEREMY GOULET WAS ACCUSED OF TWO RAPES WHILE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY IN 2006. FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY LEON PANETTA AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE DEMANDED INVESTIGATIONS INTO WHY THE MILITARY DIDN'T PROSECUTE THE CASES. TODAY, AN ARMY SPOKESMAN DEFENDED THE DECISION, SAYING THERE WASN'T ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROSECUTE. THEY SAY IN ONE CASE -- D-N-A DIDN'T MATCH GOULET, IN ANOTHER A VICTIM COULDN'T I-D HIM. THE ARMY SAYS INSTEAD THEY MADE A DEAL THAT INCLUDED AN "OTHER THAN HONORABLE" DISCHARGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/13 REPORTED... A 25 YEAR OLD MAN IS IN CUSTODY TONIGHT AFTER A CARJACKING AND OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN SAN FRANCISCO. POLICE SAY THE MAN CARJACKED A TAXI THIS MORNING IN THE PACIFIC HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD. WHEN POLICE CAUGHT UP TO HIM... HE RAMMED A POLICE CRUISER AND

ALMOST HIT AN OFFICER... THAT'S WHEN ANOTHER OFFICER OPENED FIRE... BULLETS HIT THE CAR, BUT NOT THE SUSPECT. POLICE ULTIMATELY FOUND THE CAR, AND SUSPECT A FEW BLOCKS AWAY. HE WAS ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF CAR JACKING AND ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/21/13 REPORTED... ANOTHER ARMED ROBBERY -- IN ONE OF THE BAY AREA MOST EXCLUSIVE CITIES. TONIGHT, POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO ROBBED A LOS ALTOS LIQUOR STORE. THESE SURVEILLANCE PHOTOS -- FROM TUESDAY NIGHT -- SHOW THE MAN AT STANDARD LIQUORS IN DOWNTOWN LOS ALTOS. HE WALKED INTO THE STORE, PUT A PAPER GROCERY BAG ON THE COUNTER AND POINTED A BLACK SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN AT THE CASHIER. HE DEMANDED MONEY. POLICE SAY THE CASHIER PUT SOME MONEY IN THE BAG -- AND THE ROBBER LEFT ON FOOT. HE WAS LAST SEEN WEARING A BLACK HOODED SWEATSHIRT AND DARK PANTS. EARLIER THIS MONTH -- A BANK IN DOWNTOWN LOS ALTOS -- WAS ALSO ROBBED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/25/13 REPORTED... THE THREE MEN UNDER ARREST AFTER A POLICE PURSUIT THROUGH THE EAST BAY, MAY ALSO BE LINKED TO TWO SHOOTINGS. HAYWARD POLICE SAY THEY SPOTTED A CAR DRIVING ERRATICALLY NEAR TYRELL AND TENNYSON AROUND 11 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT. POLICE CHASED THE CAR FOR MORE THAN 20 MILES BEFORE IT CRASHED ON 580 AND PARK AVENUE IN OAKLAND. INVESTIGATORS SAY IT'S POSSIBLE THE DRIVER WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS MAY BE LINKED TO A SHOOTING IN HAYWARD ON SUNDAY AND ANOTHER IN SAN LEANDRO ON FRIDAY.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/13 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS HIS ADMINISTRATION HAD TO WEIGH IN ON CALIFORNIA'S GAY MARRIAGE BAN, WHICH IS BEFORE THE U-S SUPREME COURT. TODAY HE SAID HIS ADMINISTRATION CALLED ON THE HIGH COURT TO STRIKE DOWN THE BAN, BECAUSE HE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TAKE A STAND. THE BRIEF SUBMITTED BY THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION IS NOT LEGALLY BINDING, THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT'S OPINION COULD CARRY WEIGHT WITH THE SUPREME COURT WHEN IT HEARS ORAL ARGUMENTS ON PROP 8 LATER THIS MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/5/13 REPORTED... A SAN FRANCISCO LAWMAKER IS BEHIND NEW LEGISLATION THAT FIGHTS FOR THE RIGHTS OF TRANSGENDER STUDENTS. ASSEMBLYMAN TOM AMMIANO'S MEASURE WOULD GUARANTEE TRANSGENDER STUDENTS THE USE OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS AND THE ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE ON SPORTS TEAMS THAT CORRESPOND WITH THEIR EXPRESSED GENDERS. SUPPORTORS SAY THE MEASURE WOULD MAKE TRANSGENDER STUDENTS FEEL WELCOME ON CAMPUS. OPPONENTS SAY TRANSGENDER STUDENTS MAKE UP SUCH A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS THAT TO REQUIRE THESE ACCOMMODATIONS HIJACKS THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. GOVERNOR BROWN MUST SIGN THE LEGISLATION BEFORE IT CAN GO INTO EFFECT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/13 REPORTED... THE 'VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN' ACT IS ONCE AGAIN -- LAW. THERE WERE CHEERS TODAY AS PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED THE BILL. THE RENEWED LAW EXPANDS PROTECTIONS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS -- AND IT'S CREDITED W/ CURBING ATTACKS AGAINST WOMEN. IT ALSO EXTENDS SUPPORT TO THE L-G-B-T COMMUNITY, NATIVE AMERICANS, IMMIGRANTS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS. THE ORIGINAL BILL PASSED IN 19-94 BUT EXPIRED IN 2011.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/13 REPORTED... FREE SPEECH FOR SURE... BUT ARE NEW ADS GOING TOO FAR? A RACIALLY DIVERSE CROWD GATHERED ON THE STEPS OF SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL TODAY TO DENOUNCE ANTI-MUSLIM AND ANTI ARAB ADS ON MUNI. THEY ARE PAID FOR BY THE AMERICAN FREEDOM DEFENSE INITIATIVE. THEY CLAIM THAT ALL MUSLIMS ARE DEFINED BY EXTREMISM AND VIOLENCE. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

GEORGE GASCON SAYS WHILE THE ADS ARE PROTECTED BY FREEDOM OF SPEECH... THEY ARE STILL DAMAGING TO THE CITY. ADS RUN BY THE GROUP LAST YEAR DREW OUTRAGE.... AND COMMUNITY LEADERS SAY THE NEW ADS ARE EVEN MORE OFFENSIVE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/18/13 REPORTED... SINGER, MICHELLE SHOCKED, LIVED UP TO HER NAME. THE SINGER STUNNED THE CROWD THAT CAME TO SEE HER AT YOSHI'S IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST NIGHT... MANY OF THEM WALKED OUT AFTER HEARING THE ARTIST MAKE ANTI-GAY REMARKS. THIS IS VIDEO POSTED ON YOUTUBE, SHOWING SHOCKED IN A PERFORMANCE AT AN L-A CHURCH WITHIN THE LAST FEW YEARS. SO FAR NO VIDEO HAS SURFACED OF LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCED, BUT PUBLISHED REPORTS SAY SHOCKED WENT ON AN ANTI-GAY TIRADE DURING HER SECOND SET AT YOSHI'S. THE CLUB TOOK TO TWITTER TODAY TO SAY SHE'S BANNED FOR LIFE. AT LEAST ONE OTHER BAY AREA CLUB - THE HOPMONK TAVERN HAS NOW CANCELLED AN UPCOMING SHOW BY SHOCKED. A CHICAGO CLUB HAS CANCELLED A SHOW AS WELL. SHOCKED HAS NOT SPOKEN ABOUT THE EVENT... BUT THE LAST TWEET FROM HER OFFICIAL TWITTER ACCOUNT READS "TRUTH IS LEADING TO PAINFUL CONFRONTATION".

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/20/13 REPORTED... NOW TO AN NBC BAY AREA FOLLOW-UP. THE FOLK SINGER WHOSE SAN FRANCISCO SHOW WAS SHUT-DOWN AFTER SHE MADE A GAY SLUR, IS **NOT** APOLOGIZING. BUT SHE IS REACHING OUT. IN A STATEMENT TODAY, MICHELLE SHOCKED CALLED HER REMARKS "MISINTERPRETED." SHE INSISTS SHE DOESN'T JUDGE GAY PEOPLE, AND WAS MERELY POINTING OUT HOW SOME PEOPLE FEEL ON THE ISSUE. SUNDAY, AT SAN FRANCISCO JAZZ CLUB -- YOSHI'S -- AUDIENCE MEMBERS SAY MICHELLE SHOCKED SPOKE OUT AGAINST GAY-MARRIAGE AND HOMOSEXUALS. CLUB MANAGERS CUT HER MIC AND DIMMED THE LIGHTS, LATER SAYING THEY HAVE NO TOLERANCE FOR HATE SPEECH. THE REST OF THE SINGER'S U-S TOUR DATES HAVE SINCE BEEN CANCELED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/22/13 REPORTED... OUTSPOKEN SAN FRANCISCO ARCHBISHOP "SALVATORE CORDILEONE" REITERATED HIS OPPOSITION TO GAY MARRIAGE IN AN INTERVIEW WITH "U-S-A TODAY". THE ARCHBISHOP SAY HE BELIEVES IT WOULD CAUSE-QUOTE-ENORMOUS HEARTACHE. CORDILEONE WENT ON TO SAY QUOTE, "OF COURSE I REALIZE MANY PEOPLE IN SAN FRANCISCO DISAGREE WITH THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS ON MARRIAGE AND SEX, BUT THERE IS ALSO A VERY DEEPLY EMBEDDED CATHOLIC CULTURE HERE WITH MANY PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND AND CHERISH THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS. MY JOB AS AN ARCHBISHOP IS TO TEACH THE TRUTHS OF OUR FAITH AND THE TRUTHS OF THE NATURAL MORAL LAW, AND WHATEVER CHALLENGES THAT ENTAILS, I EMBRACE WITH ENTHUSIASM. WE CAN LEARN TO RESPECT EACH OTHER ACROSS DIFFERENCES AND EVEN TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER." END QUOTE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/26/13 REPORTED... TODAY WAS ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS AS THE U-S SUPREME COURT TOOK UP THE ISSUE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME. TODAY'S CASE CENTERED AROUND CALIFORNIA'S PROP 8...THE VOTER APPROVED BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE. JUSTICES SPENT NEARLY AN HOUR AND A HALF GRILLING THOSE FOR AND AGAINST CALIFORNIA'S SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BAN. SUPPORTERS OF PROP 8 ARGUED THAT THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE IS PROCREATION...THEY ALSO STRESSED THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE LEFT TO VOTERS, NOT COURTS. THOSE IN SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY ARGUED THAT ALL AMERICANS SHOULD HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MARRY THE PERSON THEY LOVE...AND THAT THE BAN AMOUNTS TO DISCRIMINATION. LEGAL EXPERTS SAY MANY OF THE QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE JUSTICES TODAY APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT THEY ARE NOT SURE PROP 8 SUPPORTERS HAVE LEGAL STANDING TO DEFEND THE BAN. THE COURT'S DECISION IS EXPECTED IN JUNE.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/13 REPORTED... THEIR FIGHTING TO KEEP THE DOORS OPEN. TONIGHT, CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO SAYS ITS MADE THE

NECESSARY CHANGES TO MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS. LAST NIGHT, THE SCHOOL'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED A 250-PAGE REPORT THAT DETAILS THOSE CHANGES. THE GOAL IS TO KEEP ITS ACCREDITATION LAST YEAR, CITY COLLEGE WAS ISSUED THE HARSHTEST SANCTION BY THE ACCREDITING COMMISSION. WITHOUT ACCREDITATION, THE SCHOOL COULD LOSE FEDERAL FUNDING, GRANTS, AND ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AID -- POSSIBLY FORCING IT TO CLOSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/13 REPORTED... MOST CLASSES AT STANFORD ARE OFFERED BETWEEN 10 A-M AND 2 P-M. SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD -- UNTIL YOU HAVE SCHEDULING TROUBLE. AROUND SEVEN-THOUSAND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS GO TO STANFORD. THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR SAYS EVERY QUARTER MORE THAN A THOUSAND HAVE ENROLLMENT CONFLICTS. STANFORD IS CONSIDERING SPREADING OUT CLASS TIMES, WHICH MEANS STARTING SOME CLASSES EARLIER -- AT 8:30 A-M. 17-HUNDRED STUDENTS AGAINST THE IDEA SIGNED AN ONLINE PETITION SAYING THE CHANGES WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT STUDENT LIFE. THE SCHOOL'S FACULTY SENATE WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/13 REPORTED... THE ARMY'S TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS BECOME THE LATEST VICTIM OF SEQUESTRATION. THE APPROXIMATELY 200-THOUSAND SOLDIERS TAKING COURSES THROUGH THE PROGRAM WERE TOLD TODAY THEY'LL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR CURRENT CLASSES ... BUT BEGINNING TOMORROW, NO APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE COURSEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED. ARMY REPRESENTATIVES SAY THEY'LL RE-EVALUATE THE DECISION SHOULD THE BUDGET SITUATION IMPROVE. THE "MILITARY TIMES" SAYS THE ARMY SPENT 373-MILLION DOLLARS FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE DURING THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR. THE ARMY'S ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS A SIMILAR DECISION EARLIER THIS WEEK BY THE MARINE CORPS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/13 REPORTED... CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO HAS UNTIL FRIDAY TO SUBMIT ITS FINAL ACCREDITATION PLAN... AND AVOID CLOSURES. TO KEEP DOORS OPEN -- THE COLLEGE MUST PROVE IT'S ADDRESSED THE HUGE BUDGET AND STAFFING PROBLEMS THE STATE'S ACCREDITATION COMMISSION IDENTIFIED. IN THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS -- THE COLLEGE MADE SEVERAL TOUGH DECISIONS -- INCLUDING OVERHAULING THEIR MISSION, CUTTING CLASSES, AND TEACHERS. THE SCHOOL SAYS IT EXPECTS TO MAKE THE DEADLINE -- BUT STILL NEEDS TO GET ITS LONG-TERM FINANCES IN ORDER. THE COMMISSION WILL SEND A TEAM TO REEVALUATE CITY COLLEGE NEXT MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/14/13 REPORTED... TOMORROW IS MARCH 15TH-- A DREADED DAY FOR TEACHERS. BY LAW, THAT'S THE DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ISSUE TENTATIVE PINK-SLIPS TO TEACHERS ... WARNING THEM OF THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING LAYED OFF . IN SACRAMENTO TONIGHT, THERE'S AN EFFORT TO CHANGE THAT LAW. GIVEN THAT MOST DISTRICTS DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR UPCOMING BUDGETS WILL LOOK LIKE UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR , THEY'RE OFTEN FORCED TO SEND OUT MANY MORE NOTICES THAN THEY NEED TO, CAUSING UNNECESSARY UPHEAVAL FOR THOUSANDS OF TEACHERS WHO IN THE END DON'T GET LAID OFF. A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SENATOR WANTS TO MOVE THE PINK-SLIP DEADLINE FROM MARCH TO MAY-- AND THE **FINAL** DEADLINE TO AUGUST FIRST. THE CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OPPOSES THAT PLAN, CLAIMING THAT NOTIFYING TEACHERS IN AUGUST DOESN'T GIVE THEM ENOUGH TIME TO FIND OTHER TEACHING JOBS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/13 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO CITY COLLEGE MET A CRITICAL DEADLINE TODAY... IN THE FIGHT TO KEEP THEIR SCHOOL OPEN. C-C-S-F FILED A REPORT TODAY OUTLINING THE SCHOOL'S PLANS TO ADDRESS A LONG LIST OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONCERNS. IF THINGS DON'T CHANGE -- THE COLLEGE MIGHT LOSE ITS' ACCREDITATION. NOW THAT THE REPORT'S BEEN FILED, INSPECTORS WILL VISIT THE CAMPUS IN APRIL TO VERIFY THE PLAN. A PANEL THEN HAS 45 DAYS TO ANNOUNCE WHETHER

THE SCHOOL WILL KEEP IT'S ACCREDITATION...AND STATE FUNDING. THE SCHOOL HAS AN ESTIMATED 80-THOUSAND STUDENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/18/13 REPORTED... AFTER FIVE-YEARS OF BUDGET CUTS, THE CAL-STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM NOW HAS AN EXTRA 125-MILLION DOLLARS TO SPEND, THANKS TO VOTERS WHO PASSED PROP-30 LAST NOVEMBER. ADMINISTRATORS KNOW HOW THEY'LL SPEND THE WINDFALL. NEARLY A-THIRD WILL PAY FOR MORE INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF SO THE SYSTEM CAN ENROLL SIX-THOUSAND MORE STUDENTS. MORE ONLINE CLASSES WILL BE ADDED. ANOTHER THRD WILL GIVE EMPLOYEES AN AVERAGE RAISE OF ONE-POINT-TWO PERCENT. THE BIGGEST CHUNK WILL PAY FOR INCREASED HEALTH BENEFITS, GAS AND ELECTRICITY. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL REVIEW THE PLAN AT A MEETING TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/26/13 REPORTED... BREAKING WITH 150 YEARS OF TRADITION. SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE IN MORAGA WILL *NOT* BE LED BY A PRIEST. SAINT MARY'S REACHED OUT TO THE "GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION", A GROUP OF SCHOOLS IN BERKELEY, AND HIRED ITS PRESIDENT, JAMES DONAHUE, TO BE THE 29TH PRESIDENT OF SAINT MARY'S. DONAHUE IS THE FIRST "LAY" LEADER OF THE CATHOLIC COLLEGE, REPLACING *BROTHER RONALD GALLAGHER.* DONAHUE IS MARRIED WITH TWO ADULT CHILDREN. HE ALSO TAUGHT FOR AWHILE AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/13 REPORTED... A WARNING IS GOING OUT TO BEACH GOERS TO STAY OUT OF THE WATER IN PACIFICA . THE REASON.. A SEWAGE SPILL. IT ALL STARTED AT FOUR IN THE MORNING.. APPARENTLY A SEWER PIPE BROKE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY ONE AND FASSLER AVENUE. WORK CREWS SAY SIX THOUSAND GALLONS OF WASTE SPILLED OUT.. AND THEY CONTAINED ALL BUT ABOUT 18 HUNDRED GALLONS -- WHICH WENT INTO THE OCEAN. THE CITY WILL TEST THE WATER QUALITY TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/13 REPORTED... TONIGHT, ANOTHER CALIFORNIA AGENCY IS ADMITTING TO MISHANDLING TAXPAYER FUNDS. AN INTERNAL REVIEW HAS UNCOVERED MILLONS OF DOLLARS BEING IMPROPERLY SPENT BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE. THE MONEY WAS SUPPOSED TO REMAIN IN A FUND USED FOR LAND PURCHASES. INSTEAD, IT WAS USED ON GIFT CARDS, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE. YOU MAY REMEMBER LAST YEAR, THE STATE PARKS DEPARTMENT MADE HEADLINES AFTER A DISCOVERY THAT THE AGENCY HAD BEEN SITTING ON MORE THAN 40-MILLION DOLLARS - EVEN AS THE STATE WAS CUTTING SERVICES TO DEAL WITH A DEFICIT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/13 REPORTED... A MODERATE EARTHQUAKE...WITH A VERY MASSIVE REACH. A QUAKE CENTERED IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY TODAY WAS FELT BY NEARLY HALF THE STATE. THE EPICENTER OF THE FOUR-POINT-SEVEN QUAKE WAS 20 MILES SOUTH OF PALM SPRINGS. BUT THE SHAKING WAS FELT AS FAR NORTH AS SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, 250 MILES AWAY. A CAL-TECH SEISMOLOGIST SAYS THAT'S BECAUSE THE QUAKE WAS DEEP. IT'S EPICENTER WAS ABOUT 8 MILES UNDERGROUND-- A COUPLE MILES DEEPER THAN USUAL -- CAUSING THE VIBRATIONS TO TRAVEL FARTHER. IT APPEARS EVEN THOSE CLOSE TO THE QUAKE ARE NOT WILLING TO GET TOO RATTLED ABOUT IT. NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM EITHER THE QUAKE OR ITS MANY AFTERSHOCKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/13 REPORTED... CRITICS ARE ALREADY LINING-UP AGAINST THE GOVERNOR'S PLANS TO OVERHAUL WATER DELIVERY FROM THE SACRAMENTO DELTA. PARTS OF THE PLAN WERE MADE PUBLIC THIS WEEK. IT HAS TWO

GOALS-- TO MORE EFFICIENTLY DELIVER WATER TO 25-MILLION PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE-- AND STOP THE DECLINE OF THE DELTA ECOSYSTEM. THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED PROJECT FACES A NUMBER OF HURDLES, INCLUDING POTENTIAL LAWSUITS, SO IT WILL LIKELY BE YEARS BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION IS MADE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/21/13 REPORTED... APPLE SAYS IT'S GETTING GREENER. AND GETTING MUCH MORE OF ITS ENERGY FROM THE SUN. THE CUPERTINO BASED COMPANY SHOWED OFF ITS RECENTLY COMPLETED DATA CENTER IN NORTH CAROLINA, COMPLETE WITH SOLAR PANELS -- CLAIMING THAT ITS CORPORATE FACILITIES AROUND THE WORLD -- NOW GET 75 PERCENT OF THEIR ENERGY FROM RENEWABLE RESOURCES. THAT'S UP FROM 35 PERCENT TWO YEARS AGO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/25/13 REPORTED... THE CALIFORNIA PARKS SYSTEM IS OBSOLETE, AND NEEDS A TOTAL OVERHAUL BEFORE IT FALLS APART. THAT'S THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW STUDY BY THE INDEPENDENT 'LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION.' IT ALSO SAYS THAT IN ADDITION TO BEING OUTDATED... THE PARKS DEPARTMENT ISN'T GENERATING THE REVENUE IT NEEDS TO SUSTAIN ITSELF. STUDY AUTHORS WANT A THOROUGH ASSESMENT OF THE 280 PARKS. WE SHOULD NOTE THAT THE STUDY WAS DONE BEFORE RECENT REVELATIONS THAT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT HAD HIDDEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF FUNDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/26/13 REPORTED... GOT WATER? THERE IS NOW A PUSH TO BAN THE SALE OF PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES AT THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK. ORDER TO DO THIS, WATER STATIONS WHERE PEOPLE CAN FILL UP FOR FREE, WOULD HAVE TO BE INSTALLED IN THE PARKS. ENVIRONMENTALISTS WERE AT THE PRESIDIO TODAY TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR THE WATER BOTTLE BAN. MEANWHILE, SAN FRANCISCO CITY SUPERVISOR DAVID CHIU MADE A PROPOSAL TODAY TO BAN PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES AT ALL CITY EVENTS WHERE WATER STATIONS ARE AVAILABLE. CHIU ALSO SUGGESTED ANY COMPANY ACCEPTING A CITY CONTRACT IN THE FUTURE SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO BAN BOTTLED WATER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/28/13 REPORTED... START CONSERVING NOW. THAT'S WHAT STATE WATER OFFICIALS ARE SAYING AFTER TODAY'S SNOW PACK SURVEY. WHEN SURVEYORS HIKED UP TO ECHO SUMMIT, THERE **WAS** SNOW, BUT THERE WERE ALSO BIG PATCHES OF EXPOSED DIRT IN THE BACKGROUND. THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S MEASUREMENTS SHOW THE WATER-CONTENT IN THE SNOW IS WELL BELOW NORMAL. THE SNOWPACK PROVIDES ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF CALIFORNIA'S DRINKING WATER. STATE OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGING ALL OF US TO START **NOW** WITH WATER CONSERVATION-- TAKING SHORTER SHOWERS, AND GOING EASY ON WATERING LAWNS. THE FINAL SNOW SURVEY WILL BE NEXT MONTH.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/13 REPORTED... HANGAR ONE AT MOFFETT FIELD HAS GOTTEN THE GO-AHEAD TO HANG OUT THE "FOR RENT" SIGN. CONGRESS WOMAN ANNA ESHOO OF PALO ALTO TODAY ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOME OF RECENT GOVERNMENT MEETINGS ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN VIEW LANDMARK. THE RESULTS-- MOFFETT FIELD WILL REMAIN A RESTRICTED FEDERAL AIRFIELD AND NASA ITS OVERSEER. AND NOW, A BID PROCESS CAN MOVE FORWARD TO FIND SOMEONE TO LEASE AND RESTORE THE HISTORIC STRUCTURE. U-S NAVY CONTRACTORS HAVE RECENTLY STRIPPED THE STRUCTURE TO ITS FRAME IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/5/13 REPORTED... SANTA CLARA COUNTY WILL HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION TO REPLACE GEORGE SHIRAKAWA AS COUNTY SUPERVISOR. THE BOARD VOTED TODAY TO HOLD THE ELECTION. IT WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE FOURTH. THE ELECTION IS EXPECTED TO COST ONE MILLION DOLLARS SHIRAKAWA RESIGNED

FRIDAY AFTER THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHARGED HIM WITH 12 COUNTS OF CORRUPTION. AFTER A LENGTHY DEBATE THE BOARD DECIDED THE TRANSPARENCY OF AN ELECTION, AS OPPOSED TO AN APPOINTMENT, WAS THE BEST OPTION. THE WINNER OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION WILL SERVE OUT THE REMAINDER OF SHIRAKAWA'S TERM. HE WAS JUST TWO MONTHS INTO HIS SECOND FOUR-YEAR TERM WHEN HE RESIGNED. SHIRAKAWA FACES UP TO A YEAR IN JAIL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/6/13 REPORTED... THE SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PAY FOR ROAD REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE. AND THE ANSWER MIGHT BE NEW TAXES. NEARLY A QUARTER OF SAN JOSE'S STREETS ARE IN POOR CONDITION. BUDGET SHORTFALLS CAUSED ROADS TO BE LESS OF A PRIORITY -- AND THE PROBLEM IS ONLY GETTING WORSE. THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR SAYS ROADS ACROSS THE ENTIRE CITY WILL ONLY GET WORSE IF SOMETHING ISN'T DONE. THE CITY IS CONSIDERING A FEW OPTIONS - INCLUDING TAXES AND EVEN A STREET REPAIR BOND MEASURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/13 REPORTED... TODAY THE STATE SENATE APPROVED 24-MILLION DOLLARS FOR A GUN SEIZURE PROGRAM. THIS IS THE FIRST BILL -- OF DOZENS OF GUN CONTROL MEASURES -- TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE AFTER RECENT MASS SHOOTINGS LIKE THE NEWTOWN MASSACRE. THE CALIFORNIA PROGRAM SEIZES GUNS FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE PROHIBITED FROM OWNING THEM. A COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM CROSS-MATCHES MULTIPLE DATABASES TO FIND THESE PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT GUNS. IF APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN, THE MEASURE WOULD TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/13 REPORTED... A NEW PROPOSAL TO BAN GUN SHOWS AT THE COW PALACE WAS INTRODUCED TODAY. STATE SENATOR MARK LENO DRAFTED A BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE BOTH SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN MATEO COUNTY TO PASS A RESOLUTION BEFORE A GUN SHOW COULD BE HELD AT THE COW PALACE, OR ANOTHER COUNTY VENUE. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO BAN GUN SHOWS AT THE COW PALACE. IN 2009 - THEN-GOVERNOR "ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER" VETOED A SIMILAR BAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/12/13 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS ARE GETTING A BAD GRADE WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING INFORMATION ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC ONLINE. A NEW REPORT-CARD FROM THE NON-PROFIT "SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION" GAVE CALIFORNIA A "D". THAT'S BASED ON ASSESSMENTS IN SIX CATEGORIES, INCLUDING THE COMPLETENESS AND TIMELINESS OF INFORMATION - AND HOW EASY THE INFO IS TO ANALYZE. CALIFORNIA WAS ONE OF SIX STATES TO RECEIVE A "D" RATING. ONLY EIGHT STATES GOT AN "A". THE FOUNDATION SAYS THE GOAL IS FOR ALL STATES TO HAVE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT RECORDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/18/13 REPORTED... WE KNOW FOOTBALL FANS WILL SHELL-OUT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR SUPERBOWL TICKETS NOW WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT WHAT A CITY WILL SHELL OUT TO **HOST** THE SUPERBOWL. THE MAYORS OFFICE IN SANTA CLARA HAS E DRAWN-UP PROPOSALS WHICH WILL COST THE CITY MILLIONS... ALL FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF HOSTING THE 50TH SUPER BOWL IN THREE YEARS. THE N-F-L MUST DECIDE BETWEEN MIAMI AND SANTA CLARA. SANTA CLARA'S MAYOR CLEARLY HOPES TO GAIN THE EDGE BY WAIVING THE CITY'S HOTEL TAX FOR N-F-L EMPLOYEES AND THE TEAMS...SUSPENDING TICKET SURCHARGES AND DROPPING PARKING FEES. THOSE CONCESSIONS ADD UP TO MILLIONS OF CITY DOLLARS, WHICH OFFICIALS SAY COULD BE OFFSET BY THE INCOME -- AND PUBLICITY-- GENERATED BY THE SUPER BOWL. WE'LL FIND OUT TOMORROW NIGHT IF THE CITY COUNCIL AGREES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/19/13 REPORTED... WHEN THE SENATE CONSIDERS GUN CONTROL MEASURES NEXT MONTH, SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S PROPOSED BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS WILL NOT BE PART OF THE PACKAGE. FEINSTEIN SAYS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER HARRY REID HAS NOTIFIED HER THE BAN WILL BE OFFERED AS AN

AMENDMENT. THE BAN HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF PASSAGE. THIS COMES JUST DAYS AFTER FEINSTEIN'S EMOTIONAL EXCHANGE BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE. FEINSTEIN CO-AUTHORED THE 1994 ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN THAT EXPIRED AFTER A DECADE. INTEREST IN RENEWING IT SURGED AFTER AN ASSAULT-TYPE WEAPON WAS USED IN THE DECEMBER MASSACRE AT A CONNECTICUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/21/13 REPORTED... NEITHER RAIN, NOR SLEET AND NOW NOT EVEN THE POST OFFICE ITSELF... CAN STOP THE MAIL FROM BEING DELIVERED ON SATURDAYS. THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THE U-S POSTAL SERVICE DOESN'T HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO HALT SATURDAY MAIL DELIVERY AS PLANNED. THE G-A-O SAYS THE POSTAL SERVICE IS BOUND BY LAW TO DELIVER MAIL SIX DAYS A WEEK. THE POSTAL SERVICE SAYS THE ANNOUNCEMENT IT MADE IN FEBRUARY DIDN'T MEAN THEY WERE ENDING SIX-DAY DELIVERY. JUST CHANGING IT - TO DELIVER ONLY PACKAGES ON SATURDAYS.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/13 REPORTED... THERE'S BEEN A DRAMATIC RISE IN CHILDHOOD ASTHMA OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS... AND IT MAY BE LINKED TO B-P-A. B-P-A IS A COMPONENT OF PLASTIC FOUND IN CANNED GOODS, STORE RECEIPTS AND -- UNTIL RECENTLY -- BABY BOTTLES. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS TRACKED B-P-A LEVELS IN THE URINE OF MORE THAN 500 YOUNG CHILDREN. THEY FOUND EVEN LOW EXPOSURE TO B-P-A AFTER BIRTH WAS ASSOCIATED WITH HIGHER RATES OF WHEEZING AND ASTHMA BY AGE FIVE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/13 REPORTED... IT'S NOT JUST A CHILDHOOD BEHAVIORAL PROBLEM. A NEW STUDY SHOWS KIDS WITH A-D-H-D COULD GROW UP TO HAVE SERIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS. RESEARCHERS JUST PUBLISHED THEIR FINDINGS IN THE JOURNAL "PEDIATRICS". THEY FOUND NEARLY 60-PERCENT OF YOUNG A-D-H-D PATIENTS HAD AT LEAST ONE PSYCHIATRIC CONDITION AS ADULTS. THE MOST COMMON BEING ALCOHOL OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION. THAT'S COMPARED TO 35-PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE IN A COMPARISON GROUP WHO DID NOT HAVE THE DISORDER WHILE GROWING UP. RESEARCHERS SAY THIS STUDY CONFIRMS A-D-H-D IS A CHRONIC, LIFETIME DISORDER FOR MANY PEOPLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/5/13 REPORTED... WOMEN STILL OUTLIVE MEN -- BUT A NEW STUDY REVEALS THE GAP IS NARROWING. NEW EVIDENCE SHOWS AMERICAN WOMEN AREN'T LIVING AS LONG ANYMORE. THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LOOKED AT DEATH DATA BY COUNTY ACROSS THE NATION. AMONG WOMEN --- 75 AND YOUNGER... DEATHS INCREASED IN ALMOST HALF OF THE COUNTIES -- ESPECIALLY IN THE SOUTH AND HERE IN THE WEST. SOME EXPERTS BLAME LESS EDUCATION, OBESITY AND AN INCREASE IN SMOKING -- OTHERS SAY THERE'S NO CLEAR REASON. LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR MEN HELD STEADY OR IMPROVED IN ALMOST EVERY COUNTY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/6/13 REPORTED... RESEARCHERS AT UC SAN FRANCISCO DISCOVER A SPECIAL CELL IN BREAST TISSUE THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO FUNCTION LIKE EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS. RESEARCHERS SAY THE SPECIAL CELLS FROM BREAST TISSUE CAN BE REPROGRAMMED TO TURN INTO BREAST AND NERVE TISSUE -- AS WELL AS BLOOD VESSELS. IN THE LAB SCIENTISTS WERE EVEN ABLE TO TURN THEM INTO THESE BEATING HEART CELLS. RESEARCHERS ARE NOW SEEING WHETHER THESE MALLEABLE SPECIAL CELLS CAN BE FOUND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE BODY SUCH AS SKIN, FAT AND BLOOD. THEY ARE ALSO INVESTIGATING WHETHER THESE CHANGEABLE CELLS CAN BE FOUND IN MEN TOO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/13 REPORTED... NEW INFORMATION OUT TODAY SHOWS THE CHOLESTEROL LEVELS COULD CHANGE WITH THE SEASON. RESEARCHERS IN BRAZIL STUDIED BLOOD FROM MORE THAN **200-THOUSAND PEOPLE**. THEY

FOUND THAT BAD CHOLESTEROL LEVELS WERE HIGHER IN THE WINTER - AND GOOD CHOLESTEROL WAS HIGHER IN THE SUMMER. RESEARCHERS SAY PART OF THE PROBLEM COULD BE THAT PEOPLE EAT FATTIER FOODS AND EXERCISE LESS IN THE WINTER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/13 REPORTED... MANY CHILDCARE CENTERS ARE NOT GETTING KIDS TO DRINK WATER DESPITE A FEDERAL INITIATIVE. THE 2010 CHILD NUTRITION REAUTHORIZATION ACT WAS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE NUTRITION AND REDUCE OBESITY AMONG CHILDREN. IT ALSO INCLUDED EXPANDING ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER IN SCHOOLS. BUT A NEW STUDY OF 40- CHILDCARE CENTERS FOUND WATER WAS OFFERED LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE TIME EVEN THOUGH IT WAS EASILY ACCESSIBLE. THE REPORT ALSO FOUND TEACHERS RARELY ENCOURAGED CHILDREN TO DRINK WATER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/13 REPORTED... LAWMAKERS AND CONSUMER ADVOCATES VOICED CONCERNS ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IN CALIFORNIA TODAY. PATIENT'S FAMILIES GATHERED AT THE CAPITOL WITH PHOTOS OF LOVED ONES WHO DIED FROM PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSES. SENATOR MARK DESAULNIER OF CONCORD INTRODUCED A BILL TO RAISE LICENSING FEES FOR PHYSICIANS. THE MONEY WOULD GO TOWARD MODERNIZING A STATEWIDE COMPUTER DATABASE THAT CRACKS DOWN ON PATIENTS WHO DOCTOR SHOP AND DOCTORS WHO OVER PRESCRIBE MEDICATIONS. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION SAYS IN THE U-S -- 100 PEOPLE A DAY DIE FROM PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/13 REPORTED... WOMEN MIGHT WANT TO THINK TWICE ABOUT WORKING THE NIGHT SHIFT -- A NEW STUDY FINDS WORKING AT NIGHT MAY INCREASE A WOMAN'S RISK FOR OVARIAN CANCER. RESEARCHERS FOUND WOMEN OLDER THAN 50 WHO WORKED AT NIGHT, HAD A HIGHER RISK OF ADVANCED OVARIAN CANCER THAN DAY WORKERS. RESEARCHERS ASKED MORE THAN A THOUSAND WOMEN ABOUT THEIR WORK HISTORY. THE STUDY FOUND NIGHT WORKERS WERE ALSO NEARLY 50 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO HAVE EARLY STAGE CANCER. RESEARCHERS SUSPECT THIS IS BECAUSE LIGHT SUPPRESSES THE BODY'S PRODUCTION OF HORMONE MELATONIN, WHICH REGULATES REPRODUCTIVE HORMONES, INCLUDING ESTROGEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/19/13 REPORTED... NEW EVIDENCE OF THE NATION'S ALZHEIMERS EPIDEMIC ...THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION RELEASED A NEW REPORT THIS MORNING REVEALING JUST HOW DEVASTATING AND IN SOME CASES HOW DEADLY THE DISEASE CAN BE. WHAT THIS REPORT FINDS IS DYING **WITH** ALZHEIMER'S AND DYING **FROM** ALZHEIMER'S ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. EXPERTS SAY ALZHEIMERS AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA CAN "EXACERBATE AGING" AND ULTIMATELY BE THE FINAL PUSH, EVEN IF IT ISN'T THE DIRECT CAUSE OF DEATH. THEY ALSO FOUND ONE IN THREE ADULTS OVER AGE 65 NOW HAS SOME EVIDENCE OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA WHEN THEY DIE. ALZHEIMER'S IS NOW THE SIXTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/20/13 REPORTED... THE AGE OF YOUR FATHER WHEN HE HAD KIDS - *MAY* BE A FACTOR IN DETERMINING WHETHER YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE AUTISM. A NEW SWEDISH STUDY FOUND MEN WHO HAD KIDS WHEN THEY WERE 50 OR OLDER WERE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A GRANDCHILD WITH AUTISM. SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THE RISK COULD BE PASSED DOWN THROUGH SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS. THE STUDY FOUND -- IF AN OLDER FATHER HAD A DAUGHTER, HE WAS 79 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A GRANDCHILD WITH AUTISM. IF AN OLDER FATHER HAD A SON, HE WAS 67 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO HAVE GRANDCHILD WITH THE DISORDER. ANOTHER STUDY RELEASED TODAY SHOWS -- ONE IN 50 SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN WAS DIAGNOSED WITH AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER LAST YEAR. THAT NUMBER HAS RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/13 REPORTED... DEMOCRATS CALL IT A DISASTER. REPUBLICANS CALL THAT HYPE. WHATEVER IT IS -- TONIGHT -- SEQUESTRATION WILL KICK IN. 85-BILLION DOLLARS IN ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS TO FEDERAL SPENDING. EARLIER TODAY, PRESIDENT OBAMA SPOKE ...CALLING THE CUTS "DUMB, INEXCUSABLE AND NOT HIS FAULT". HE SAYS HE CAN'T FORCE REPUBLICANS TO NEGOTIATE. G-O-P LEADERS SAY ITS THE PRESIDENT'S FAULT FOR INSISTING THAT INCREASED TAXES BE PART OF THE RESOLUTION. BOEHNER'S OFFICE SAYS THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS HAVE AGREED CONGRESS SHOULD PASS A BILL FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT BEYOND THE END OF MARCH, WHILE THEY KEEP WORKING ON A WAY TO REPLACE THE SPENDING CUTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/13 REPORTED... JUST DAYS INTO SEQUESTRATION, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SAYS THE EFFECTS OF SPENDING CUTS ARE ALREADY BEING FELT AT THE NATION'S AIRPORTS. AT O-HARE IN CHICAGO AND AT L-A-X, THE SECURITY LINES ARE LONGER WITH FEWER T-S-A AND U.S. CUSTOMS AGENTS, AND OVERTIME ALL BUT ELIMINATED. IN THE FALL, SCHOOLS COULD SUFFER TEACHER LAYOFFS. PRESIDENT OBAMA HOPES THE SEQUESTER WILL PRESSURE REPUBLICANS INTO A TAX HIKE ON THE RICH, BUT GOP LAWMAKERS SAY THAT'S NOT LIKELY. REPUBLICANS PROPOSED A BILL TODAY TO AVOID A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. THE MEASURE WOULD EXTEND A PAY FREEZE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING CONGRESS, AND WOULD ENSURE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS ARE NOT RELEASED. THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FUNDING FOR BORDER SECURITY AND EMBASSY SECURITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/5/13 REPORTED... SOME MAJOR INTERNATIONAL NEWS. VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ -- HAS DIED. HE LOST HIS BATTLE WITH CANCER TODAY. THE 58 YEAR OLD HAS BEEN FIGHTING CANCER SINCE 2011. VENEZUELAN VICE PRESIDENT, NICOLAS MADURO. MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT LATE THIS AFTERNOON. HE WAS HAND PICKED BY CHAVEZ AS HIS SUCCESSOR. HERE'S A LIVE LOOK AT CARACAS, WHERE VENEZUELAN HAVE TAKEN TO THE STREETS. CHAVEZ WAS A BOLD, COLORFUL -- AND CONTROVERSIAL LEADER. OFTEN -- HOSTILE -- W/ THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS ELECTED AS VENEZUELA'S YOUNGEST PRESIDENT IN 1998. VENEZUELA WILL HOLD A NEW ELECTION IN 30 DAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/6/13 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA IS TRYING A NEW TACTIC TO END THE SEQUESTER. HE INVITED ABOUT A DOZEN REPUBLICAN SENATORS TO DINNER TONIGHT. THEY'RE AT A WASHINGTON RESTAURANT AS WE SPEAK. THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS ARE AIMED AT JUMPSTARTING THE STALLED BUDGET TALKS. AIDES SAY OBAMA IS CONCENTRATING HIS OUTREACH ON LAWMAKERS WITH A HISTORY OF BIPARTISAN DEAL-MAKING. REPUBLICANS HAVE MIXED REACTIONS TO THE INVITATION. IN THE MEANTIME, LAWMAKERS VOTED TO APPROVE A NEW PLAN CALLED THE "C-R," LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT THE FUNDING TO KEEP OPERATING UNTIL THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/13 REPORTED... TODAY IN A NEW YORK CITY COURTROOM, OSAMA BIN LADEN'S SON-IN-LAW PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES THAT HE CONSPIRED TO KILL AMERICANS. THE MAN'S NAME IS SULAIMAN ABU-GHAITH. SEVERAL REPUBLICANS ARE UPSET ABOUT TODAY'S HEARING...SAYING ABU GHAITH SHOULD BE TRIED AT GUANTANAMO... RATHER THAN BLOCKS FROM THE SITE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. THE ALLEGED AL QAIDA SPOKESMAN IS ACCUSED OF HELPING PLOT THE SEPTEMBER 11TH TERRORIST ATTACKS. ABU-GHAITH WAS RECENTLY CAPTURED HEADING FROM TURKEY TO JORDAN. HE WILL BE BACK IN COURT IN EARLY APRIL, WHEN THE JUDGE IS EXPECTED TO SET A TRIAL DATE. IF CONVICTED, HE COULD FACE LIFE IN PRISON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/13 REPORTED... WAR THREATS AND INCREASING HOSTILITY FROM NORTH KOREA TODAY IS PROMPTING THE WHITE HOUSE TO EXPRESS "CONCERN." ON THIS VIDEO, NORTH KOREAN SOLDERS ARE CHANTING AGAINST THE U.S THEY WERE FIRED UP BY LEADER *KIM JUNG UN*. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO CUT-OFF A PHONE HOT LINE TO THE SOUTH AND DECLARED THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE "INVALID." SOUTH KOREA REACTED WITH PROTESTS AGAINST THE NORTH, WHILE THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT RESPONDED BY PLACING SANCTIONS ON NORTH KOREA'S PRIMARY FOREIGN-EXCHANGE BANK-- WHICH THE U-S CLAIMS AIDS NORTH KOREA'S WEAPON MAKING ACTIVITIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/19/13 REPORTED... A CHINESE NATIONAL WORKING FOR NASA HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH LYING ABOUT ELECTRONIC INFORMATION HE ALLEGEDLY WAS TRYING TO TAKE OUT OF THE COUNTRY. OUR INVESTIGATIVE UNIT LEARNED LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE FBI ARRESTED BO JIANG AS HE SAT ON AN AIRPLANE AT DULLES AIRPORT IN WASHINGTON, DC, WITH A ONE WAY TICKET TO BEIJING. THE FBI SAYS JIANG, WHO WORKED AT NASA'S LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER IN VIRGINIA, TOOK A NASA COMPUTER WITH SENSITIVE INFORMATION TO CHINA. THE COMPUTERS AND HARD DRIVES HE HAD COULD ALSO HAVE SENSITIVE, PROTECTED INFORMATION. THIS ARREST COMES ON THE HEELS OF ANOTHER MULTI-YEAR FBI INVESTIGATION HERE AT NASA AMES. INVESTIGATORS TRIED TO DETERMINE WHETHER SENSITIVE INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO CHINESE NATIONALS WORKING AT NASA AMES. THE US ATTORNEY FOR SAN FRANCISCO DECLINED TO FILE CHARGES. BUT SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN NOW WANT TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WAS GIVEN TO THE CHINESE AT AMES AND WHETHER ANY U-S EXPORT LAWS WERE BROKEN IN THE PROCESS

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/22/13 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA IS WRAPPING HIS LAST FULL DAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN JORDAN TONIGHT ... STAYING WITH KING ABDULLAH. THE KING EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS WITH THE CIVIL WAR IN NEIGHBORING SYRIA. HE SAYS HIS SMALL COUNTRY IS TAKING-IN 7-THOUSAND REFUGEES, EVERY SINGLE DAY. ABOUT 460-THOUSAND TOTAL, IN THE PAST 2 YEARS. PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS PLEDGED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN AID. MISTER OBAMA ALSO ANSWERED A QUESTION FROM THE AUDIENCE ABOUT WHY THE U-S HASN'T USED FORCE AGAINST SYRIAN PRESIDENT BASHAR AL-ASSAD'S REGIME. BASICALLY, HE'S STILL ASSESSING. EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE PRESIDENT VISITED THE "CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY" IN BETHLEHEM WITH PALESTINIAN LEADER "MAHMOUD ABBAS". AND IN JERUSALEM, THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER "BENJAMIN NETANYAHU". AND BEFORE PRESIDENT OBAMA LEFT ISRAEL, DIPLOMATIC KUDOS. HE WAS ABLE TO PERSUADE NETANYAHU TO TELEPHONE THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER AND APOLOGIZE FOR ISRAEL'S KILLING OF NINE TURKISH ACTIVISTS IN 2010. THE TWO FORMER ALLIES HAVE HAD A ICY RELATIONSHIP SINCE THEN.

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